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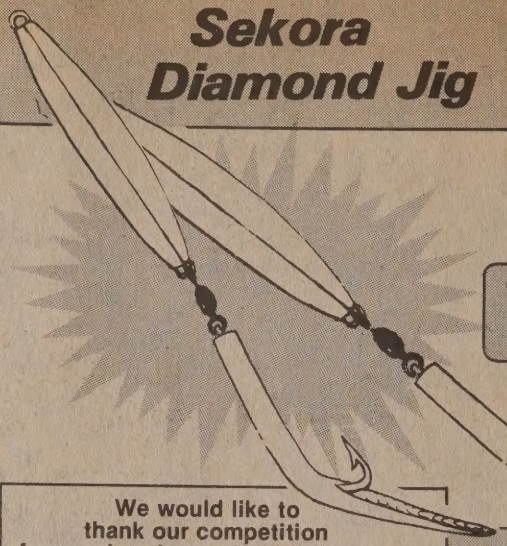

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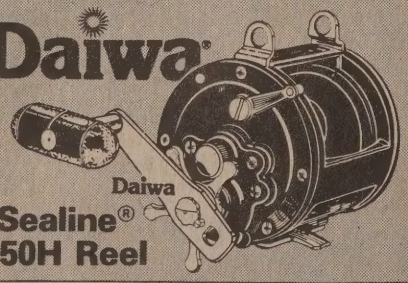

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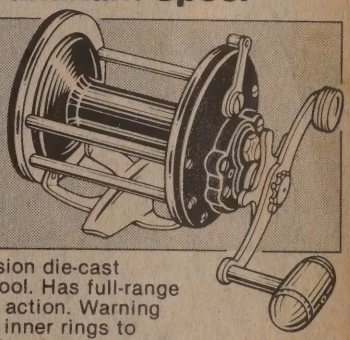

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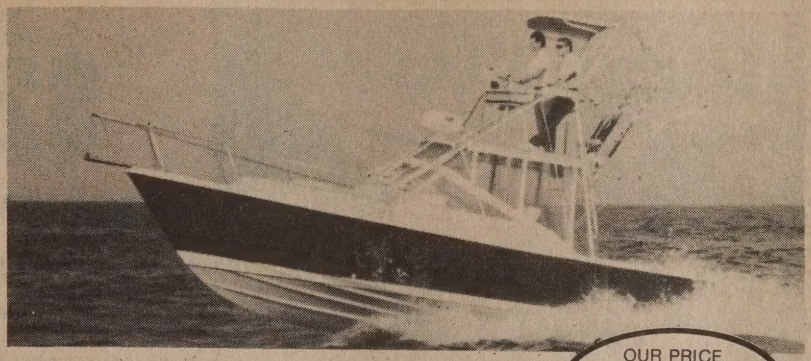

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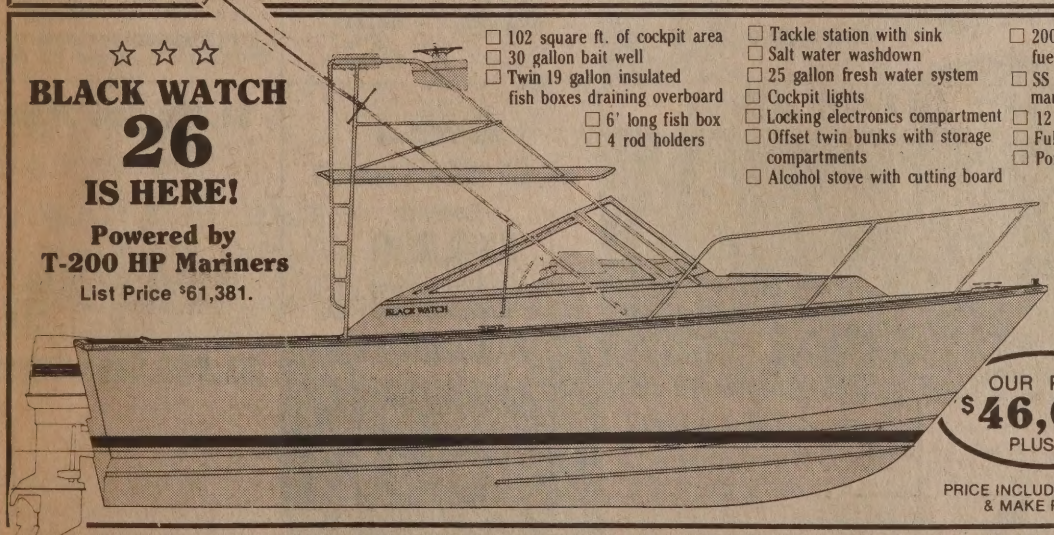

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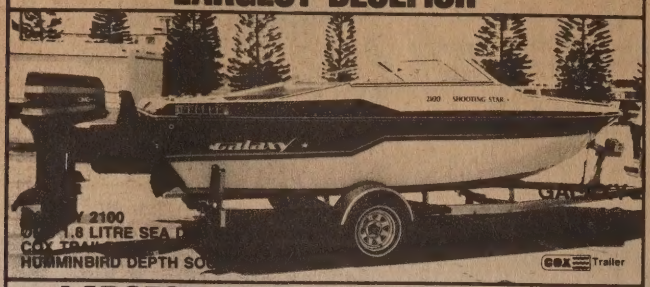

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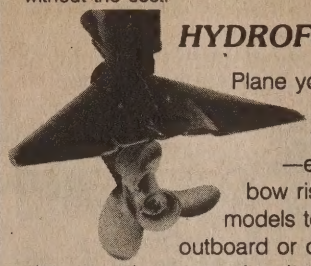

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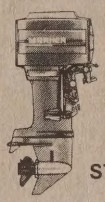

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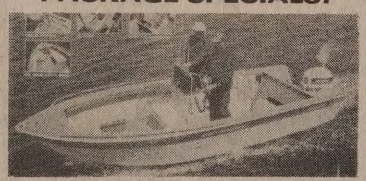

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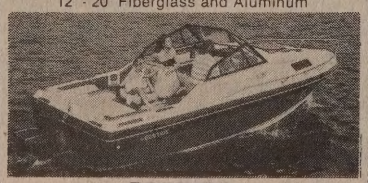

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TRIBOROUGH BRIDGE AND TUNNEL AUTHORITY TOURNEY RESULTS

On June 8th, the second Annual Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority Fishing Tournament was held aboard the Starstream II. The top 5 fish were all fluke. First prize was taken by Stu Palmeri; second prize H. Huncharoff; third prize R. Petronio; fourth prize W. Porier, and fifth prize R. Rejowski. Winners received a subscription to The Fisherman and Penn reels.

This year's tournament was 30 percent larger than last year's.

NEW FACES DOMINATE WINNERS IN BASS TOURNEY

Nick and Paul Triolo of Farmingville, New York pulled out all the stops to earn themselves a first place finish in Dave Romeo's Third Annual Volume Fishing Tournament. The new champs were tied for third place when they learned that they were only two bass shy of the lead boat. That was all the father and son team needed to hear. They managed to pull in two quick bass in the lily pad-filled cove at the southwest end of Artist Lake. This put them into a tie with Gary Speredowich and Louis Barile who also had 8 largemouth bass.

The two top boats squared off about 50 yards apart from each other and pounded the shoreline searching for the tie breaking largemouth. With 30 minutes left to go, Nick Triolo picked up bass number nine and held on to the lead until the final whistle sounded.

Meanwhile, John Zinkowski, Jr. and John Zinkowski III of East Patchogue picked up their 8th bass to earn the second place tie with Speredowich and Barile. A coin flip decided the Zinkowski's second place status. Each member of the second and third place teams received an Eagle Claw rod and reel.

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Fourth place went to the heavily favored team of John Hildenbrand and Ed Mair. Vicky and Torri Lee Caldwell of Medford placed fifth. 1986 Champions Kevin and Michael Henderson of Lake Panamoka finished eighth overall this year.

All 57 bass caught during the sold out event were released alive and unharmed. Contestants were treated to DuPont Stren fishing caps and towels, Eagle Claw gold-plated hooks, panther Martin lures and PreSun 29 sunscreen.

Events promoter, Dave Romeo, said that the tournaments have become so successful that there are now plans to sponsor a variety of tournaments each year. "I had to turn down a lot of applicants this year because we had a 25 boat cut-off," said Romeo. "I would like to see everyone who is interested in participating in a bass tournament have an opportunity to do so."

Channel 55 video taped this year's tournament for use on Long Island Fishing with Lorry Mangan.

NORTHEAST PARTY BOAT FISHING

Coastal fishermen who want to get in on the best fishing but who lack access to private craft have long turned to the hundreds or party or "open" boats found along the Atlantic Coast. Now there's a book that fishermen can turn to that covers this type of fishing in detail. It's called *Northeast Party Boat Fishing*, written by Tom Schlichter and just released from Northeast Sportman's Press.

Through its 20 chapters and 150 pages, the book reveals a wealth of information, some of it never covered before in any fishing book. One chapter, for example, deals with finding and choosing party boats (with a list of popular party boat ports from Maine to Chesapeake Bay). Another covers party boat strategies and etiquette (including the controversial topic of which position to choose on the boat). Still others unveil secrets of the pool sharks, or talk about proper equipment, hooks and knots. The final two chapters cover proper fish care and fish cookery, respectively. There are about eight pages of delicious and unusual fish recipes.

On a chapter by chapter basis, the author covers more than a dozen of the most popular party boat species, from bottom fish like flounder, blackfish and sea bass, right on up to battling bluefish, cod and tuna, the latter often weighing hundreds of pounds. The species information is very specific and most of it would be useful for all coastal anglers who fish from boats—be they open or private.

Author Schlichter is a well known fisherman and columnist who has contributed to such magazines as

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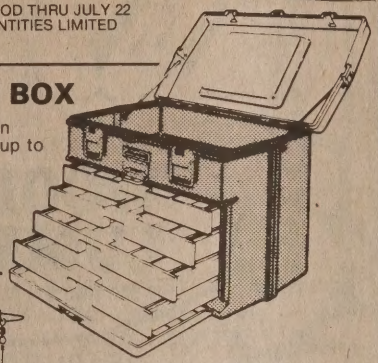

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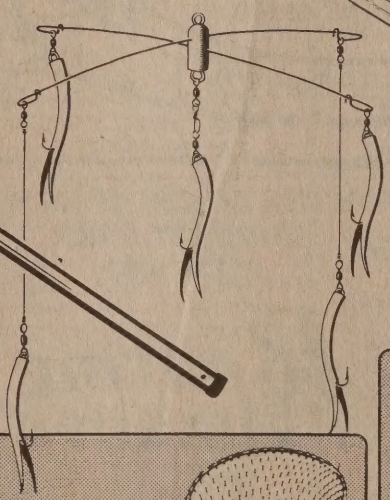

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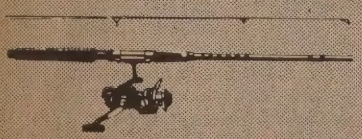

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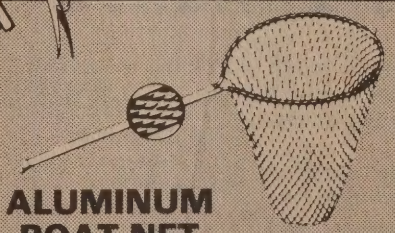

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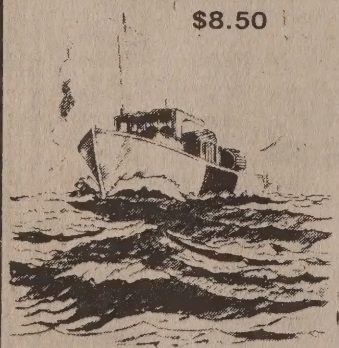

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FUNDING FOR FISHERIES IS UP IN THE AIR

The effectiveness of federal ocean and fisheries programs would be greatly diminished if the administration's FY 1988 budget for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) were approved. The proposed budget, currently the object of hearings in Congress, heavily weights NOAA's activities in favor of atmospheric and satellite programs. More than three-quarters of NOAA's budget would go to such programs, leaving less than a quarter of the budget for fisheries, coastal zone management, ocean studies, habitat protection and the like.

NOAA head Anthony Calio defends this shift in priorities, according to the March issue of *Marine Fish Management*, by arguing that satellite work is used in support of both ocean as well as atmospheric programs. Calio told a Congressional hearing on the budget that satellite research fits into the agency's emerging concern for the effects of global environmental changes on the oceans, including fisheries.

NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service, under the leadership of William Evans, wants to enhance studies of how the environment influences fishing success and stock abundance for use in managing ocean fisheries. Declines in catches or catch rates of a particular species may be blamed on overfishing when, in fact, variations in water temperature and currents may have simply moved the fish and concentated them elsewhere. On the other hand, improved fishing success may not mean a healthy fish population at all, but rather that because of more attractive environmental conditions, the fish are feeding or traveling in an area where they are more vulnerable to fishing effort.

Nevertheless, diverting NOAA's limited resources away from basic, hands-on fishery research in favor of expanding research that will, at least for the foreseeable future, only improve the efficiency of fishermen, would be a very grave mistake. Satellites are capable of monitoring ocean features from high above and, with the help of computers, providing that information to fishermen and researchers almost instantaneously.

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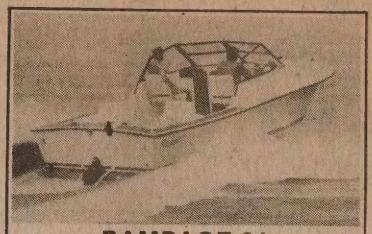

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From Berkley, One Berkley Drive, Spirit Lake, IO 51360; (712) 336-1520.

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Hook size is 5 inches and come in lengths of 16, 26 and 36 inches.

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Smoker Baits of Warwick, RI (a division of Custom Mounts International) will be introducing many new fishing lures at the 1987 AFTMA Show in Atlanta.

The new products include: an expanded line of both saltwater and freshwater plugs; some additions to the Smoker skirted trolling baits including an exciting new line of Great Lakes squid type lures (bottom row); and several new high tech 'Flasher' finishes.

The new Flasher series will be available on most of the existing line of Smoker Baits including its Smoker Birds and last year's highly successful Smokin Machine. Smoker Baits was the first to market multiple high speed trolling lures or daisy chains with its Smokin machine.

Smoker Baits has expanded its line of Smoker Plugs to more than 162 different color and size combinations. Of particular interest to the surf fisherman will be Smoker Baits' new beefed up version of its Pinfish Smoker (Needlefish type lure). Added weight and strength make it ideal for casting into the wind.

The Great Lakes fisherman will be very interested in the new Z-plug (second row right) and Smoker Baits' line of squid type baits called Lake Smokers (bottom) all of which have movable eyes.

Further information on Smoker Baits is available from Smoker Bait Company (a division of Custom Mounts International), PO Box 7081, Warwick, RI 02887 or call the Smoker Action Line at (401) 943-0520.

YAMAHA PRO 50 AND 3 CYLINDER 30

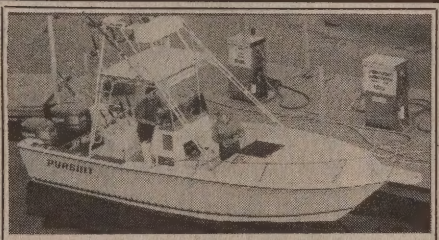
For 1987, Yamaha offers the mid-range performance boatman two new 3 cylinder outboards: the Pro 50 and a 30 hp model with Precision Blend oil injection.

The Pro 50 is directed not only at the angler who wants plenty of performance, but at the boatman who wants plenty of power for skiing or cruising. The Pro 50 offers special styling and performance features usually found only on larger outboards. The loop-charged outboard comes standard with power trim and tilt and a trim meter. A tachometer and oil warning light are combined into a single unit for operator convenience. A tilt switch is located on the motor pan, saving repeated trips to the cockpit to adjust the motor when at the ramp. Yamaha has included a connection on the remote control box for adding a trim and tilt switch on the bow casting platform. In addition, the buyer receives a user's choice stainless steel propeller and Yamaha's two year factory limited warranty, the longest in the industry. Special graphics on the cowl resemble Yamaha's 150 hp Pro V.

Trim on the Pro 50 enables the operator to tuck the motor in for better initial acceleration and to trim it out for a higher top speed when on plane. Higher mounting and trim has enabled the use of a larger pitch prop, which, when combined with the trim gives the Pro 50 a 3 mph top speed advantage over a 50 hp outboard with trim.

These new motors feature Yamaha's Precision Blend Oil Injection System with an integral oil tank under the cowl. The oil is injected directly into the manifold and does not pass through the carburetors. The system assures the owner that the engine is always getting the proper amount of oil for a better performing motor and less cost in operation and maintenance. The oil pump is crankshaft driven for simplicity and better reliability. The oil reservoir holds enough for over 5 hours of full throttle operation. The sophisticated oil warning system gives plenty of notice when the oil level starts to get low.

Yamaha's other all-new motor in its mid-range lineup is its loop-charged 3 cylinder 30 hp motor available in electric and manual models. On the manual model, the shift lever has been placed conveniently at the front



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of the engine for easier operation. The 30.27 ci powerhead is pulse-tuned for smoother running. Shallow water drive is standad on the manual model. Another feature for shallow water use is Yamaha's new optional stainless steel weedless propeller. The 30 electric is shipped with a control box and stainless steel link arm for easy remote installation.

Yamaha's innovative 3 cylinder 30 brings a new level of performance and technology into a horsepower range previously reserved for twin cylinder outboards.

Pulse tuning enables the lightweight 30 to have the lowest idle speed in its class. And the balanced 3 cylinder design gives the angler a quieter, smoother running outboard for trolling. The 3 cylinder design offers quicker acceleration and power when it's needed, like when pulling up a skier and throttle-back economy for more hours of on-the-water fun.

These motors are right at home in saltwater, featuring a 5-stage paint process and sacrificial zinc anodes in the water jacket and lower unit.

Like all Yamaha outboards, these 3 cylinder motors can run on leaded or unleaded fuel without any modification or loss of performance, and have alcohol resistant fuel lines and fuel line components.

For more information, contact Yamaha Motor Corporation USA, Marine Division, Box 6555, Cypress, CA 90630.

NEW COUNTER-ROTATED V6s HIGHLIGHT EVINRUDE LINE-UP

The popular loop-charged Evinrude XP 200 and 225 hp V6 models use the same technology as found in the innovative V8. The 225, in both 20 and 25 inch shafts, is available in counter-rotated models. The standard rotation models will be available in both power steering and standard steered models. The counter-rotated engines are available in standard steered models only.

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An even firing six pin crankshaft provides smooth idling on the loop-charged V6 models. A 35 amp alternator, which allows for the use of more electrical equipment at idle or low cruising speeds, is standard.

The high performance 175 hp introduced in 1986 returns for '87. The 160 cubic inch block coupled with last year's redesigned intake and exhaust ports, provides excellent out-of-the-hole and top-end performance.

Rounding out the V6 line-up are the popular performers from the past. The standard 150 and wthe XP 150 return for 1987. For improved electrical capacity, Evinrude returns with a 35 amp alternator on all V6 models except the standard 150 which features

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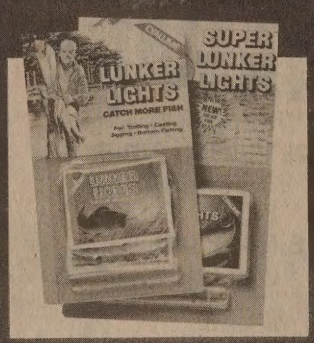

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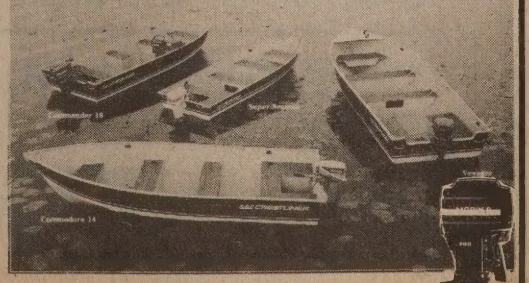

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DAIWA'S CASTABLE LEVER DRAG SEALINE REELS

Daiwa's new Sealine Lever Drag Series reels for ocean casting and trolling—models LD30H and LD50H—are the only castable lever drag reels that enable fishermen to change to a different spool and drag in seconds.

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In addition, Sealine's short stroke preset lever drag with optional long stroke position (patent pending) ensures a quick positive engagement for sure hook setting when live bait fishing. An optional long stroke position provides a full 100 degrees of fine mid-range adjustment, perfect for the light line specialist.

Sealine's drag has been built to work flawlessly under the most extreme saltwater conditions. The oversize heat dissipating drag features exclusive drag material which gives a superior performance. Unlike similar reels which don't perform when wet, Daiwa's Level Drag models keep running smoothly even when drenched in saltwater or exposed to excess lubricants. Also, the special finned aluminum heat sink offers 44 percent more cooling area than an ordinary flat washer to efficiently drain excess heat from the drag. This will prevent heat caused drag roughness and tightening.

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For more information, write Department 62, Daiwa Corporation, 7421 Chapman Avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92641.

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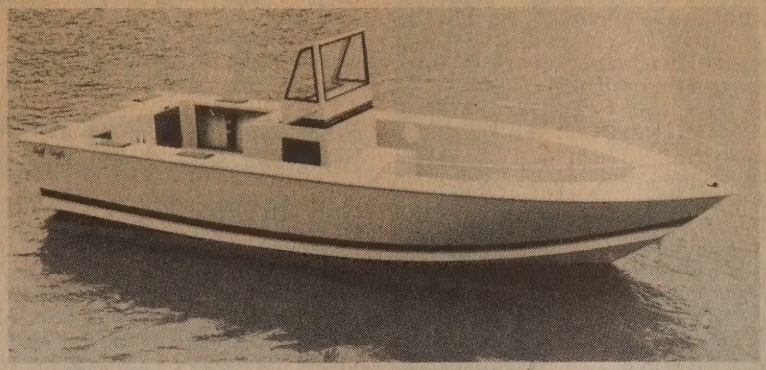

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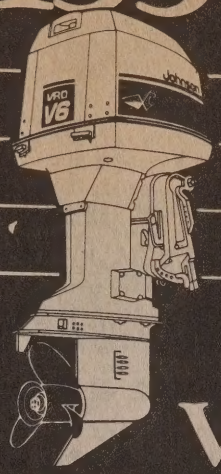
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Product Review

PENN STAND-UP TUNA STICKS

by John Raguso

Penn has been a leader in the fishing reel industry for decades, pioneering many engineering "firsts" and setting the benchmark for quality, durability and intelligent design. Founder Otto Henze's motto, "make it simple, make it work" has been manifest religiously by the Penn team. Now that the company is expanding its domain to include other fishing tackle items, the line-up of saltwater rods Penn has added for 1987 is a natural complement to their comprehensive array of International and Senator big game reels. We're going to focus on the new Tuna Stick series and examine how Penn's "Stand-Up System" really works.

Certainly one of the hottest trends to impact our East Coast fishery is the use of those peculiar-looking "California sticks" for offshore fishing.

The R&D folks at this Philadelphia-based company waited for the wave of "short-stick" hysteria to dissipate, putting in a season of field testing and modifications before rolling out with their product line of Tuna Sticks. This sound tactical move was worth the wait, and the seven rods in this line-up are fit for the task and designed according to three basic styles, specifically one-piece blank with roller guides; one-piece blank with conventional ring guides; and a two-piece roller guide outfit that incorporates a "mini" Aftco curved butt for increased leverage.

Digressing for a moment on the topic of "Why would I be interested in a West Coast rod?", this equipment is doing more to revolutionize our sport, no matter what coast you fish on. These California style sticks are much more than taking a classic 7 foot trolling rod and chopping off two feet. They employ a series of complex tapers that achieve a tremendous pumping and lifting action that puts the brakes on even the fiercest denizens of Neptune's clan and when combined with an extra long foregrip, a quality gimbal belt and kidney harness, this setup swings the leverage advantage back in favor of the fisherman. So, if you're one of those who wants to maximize the fun while minimizing the strain, and you don't have the room or discretionary income for a $6,000 Rybo chair, read on.

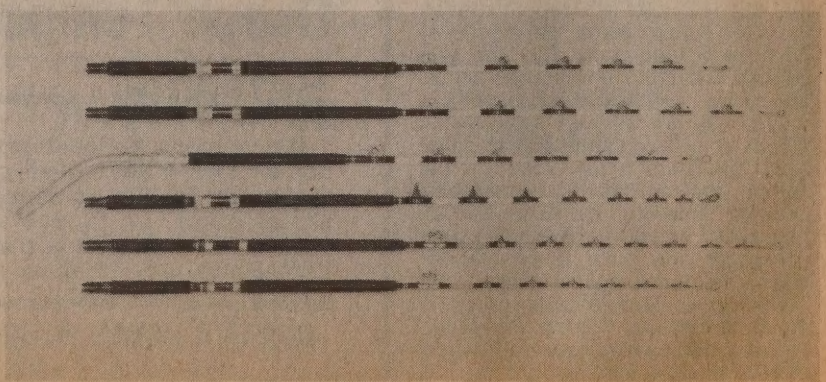
All of the Tuna Stick rods are made in the USA (on the West Coast, of course) and are built on American blanks, ranging in length from 5½ to 6 feet. Most serious chunkers and stand-up aficionados agree that while the shorter rods might give you a bit more leverage, these intermediate 5½ to 6 foot blanks give optimum performance when you factor in the total dynamic spectrum of events that transpire in a frenzied cockpit when fighting a large pelagic.

Model 2255 is built on a white 5½ foot blank designed for 50 to 130 pound line classes. The "AR" version of this stick features Aftco heavy duty roller guides, while the "USG" designation calls for Fuji's silicon carbide guides.

Model 2260 AR is a longer version of the 2255 and is constructed on a white 6 foot blank, also speced for 50 to 130 pound line categories.

Model 2155 USG is a lighter stick designed for 40 to 100 pound line classes, measuring 5½ feet and built on a white blank. This rod uses seven Fuji USG heavy duty braced ring guides.

Model 2160 ARB is a special two-piece outfit, equipped with a mini Aftco aluminum Uni-Butt designed expressly for stand-up work. It features



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Models 3960 RCS and 3955 RCS are the economy rods of this group and both are built on honey-colored blanks, using Aftco roller guides for the stripper guide and tiptop, with conventional stainless steel guides used for the rest of the group. The longer 3960 model is rated for 50 to 130 pound line and is built on a 6 foot blank. The shorter 3955 unit is designed for 40 to 100 pound line and is constructed on a 5½ foot blank.

All rods feature extra long cushioned foam foregrips for maximum leverage during a prolonged argument. The more expensive white blank rods are also built with Aftco machined aluminum reel seats and gimbals. Both rods have striking good looks, with the white blanks sporting a black and gold motif and the honey-colored sticks using black and red over a gold base wrap.

Having spent a few hours at the rod bench during my career, I looked over my Penn 2260 AR with a very critical and detailed eye. To give you the executive summary, I was quite favorably impressed. For a "production" rod, my Penn Tuna Stick possessed many of the qualities that some custom rods are still searching for. The guides were nestled perfectly on the spine or high point of the blank and in absolute straight-edge alignment. The triple wrap (one underwrap/two overwraps) were neat and symmetrical and the two part epoxy finish was not overdone. The tip, guides, reel seat and gimbal all lined up correctly and the 6 foot blank had a sensitive tip action, but was very substantial through the mid-section and butt. The 15 inch foregrip is one of the longest available and the entire package has a very luxurious, high priced feel to it. Prices at the store belie the quality built into this rod and it's an excellent value for the money, with most discount tackle shops selling these rods significantly under $200.

Simply put, the Penn "Stand-Up System" performance matches the optimum Penn reel to one of these Tuna Sticks and a list of what reel is best for what rod is available in the 1987 Penn catalog.

I've used my 2260 AR Tuna Stick deep water jigging for 80 pound amberjacks in 400 feet of water in the Florida Keys and for midnight chunking for yellowfins and bigeye tuna in Hudson and Block Canyons and I love it! I anticipate that battling some high flying makos this season will not dampen my enthusiasm for this fine piece of equipment. If you're in the market for a stand-up rod, you owe it to yourself to check out the current line-up of Penn Tuna Sticks.

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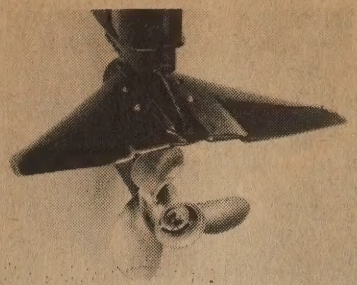

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Captain's Table

FISH AND EGGS

by Sal Agliano

In seeking out new and exciting ways to prepare fish, you need look no further than the inside of your refrigerator door. There, nestled in their own individual cubicles, lie the most versatile and nutritional food products known to man: eggs!

Paired together, fish and eggs provide a double dose of proteins along with many essential vitamins and minerals. But aside from its nutritional value, this duet of culinary magic inspires an array of mouth-watering dishes so simple to prepare it's almost sinful!

The recipes which follow feature fish as the main ingredient and eggs as a subtle, yet recognizable, partner.

Codfish Cakes with Sauce Rosa

When I was in high school, every Friday the school cafeteria served fish cakes and spaghetti—ugh! For years, I shunned fish cakes until I savored the homemade variety topped with a creamy rose-colored sauce enriched with chunks of egg.

1½ cups cooked, flaked codfish
1½ cups mashed potatoes
1 egg
1 tbsp onion, finely minced
1 tbsp grated Parmesan cheese
1/4 tsp salt
dash of pepper
dash of nutmeg
flour
cooking oil

In a large bowl, combine flaked cod, mashed potatoes, egg, onion, grated cheese, salt, pepper and nutmeg. Mix thoroughly.

Spread flour on a plate and heat about 1/4 of oil in a hot fry pan. Shape fish mixture into about 8 patties and dredge in flour. Brown fish patties on both sides in hot oil. Drain on paper toweling.

Serve fish cakes on a large platter over a mound of peas and carrots. Top generously with *Sauce Rosa* and snips of fresh chives.

Sauce Rosa:
4 hard boiled eggs, peeled
4 tbsp butter
4 tbsp flour
4 cups hot milk
1/2 cup heavy cream
2 tbsp tomato puree
salt and white pepper to taste

Chop boiled eggs coarsely, then set aside. In a heavy saucepan, melt the butter and stir in flour. Cook over a low flame while stirring for about 2 minutes, no longer. Remove from heat and slowly pour in hot milk; stir continuously. When mixture becomes smooth and is free of lumps, return to low heat and cook for about 15 minutes, stirring continuously. When sauce begins to thicken, remove from heat and stir in heavy cream, tomato puree, salt, white pepper, and chopped boiled eggs. Serve hot over fish cakes and vegetables.

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Pescado Con Huevos Rancheros

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1 tbsp olive oil
2 cloves garlic, crushed
1 small onion, minced finely
1 green pepper, diced
2 cans tomato puree
1/4 tsp oregano
2 tsps chili powder
1 tsp ground cumin
1 tbsp black peppercorns, slightly bruised
dash of cayenne pepper
1/4 tsp salt
4 eggs
4 fluke or flounder fillets, 4 to 6 oz. each

Heat a very (very) large skillet and coat bottom with olive oil. Saute briefly garlic, onion and green pepper. Add tomato puree, oregano, chili powder, cumin, black peppercorns, cayenne and salt. Simmer gently for about 1/2 hour, stirring occasionally.

Slip fillets into hot sauce and simmer for about 20 minutes. Using a slotted spoon gently remove fillets from skillet and onto a platter. Spoon some of the sauce over fillets and set aside.

Carefully crack eggs and gently slip, one at a time, into sauce. Simmer for about 5 minutes or until eggs set. Gently remove eggs with a slotted spoon and place one egg over each fillet.

Serve with boiled rice or polenta. Top all with plenty of sauce.

Bluefish Loaf

This dish is usually prepared with salmon, but bluefish makes such a tasty change of pace.

1 cup soft, crumbled bread
1/2 cup evaporated milk
1/2 cup water
1 cup cooked, flaked bluefish
1 tsp salt
1 tsp butter
1 tbsp minced onion
1 tsp lemon juice
2 eggs, separated
4 hard boiled eggs, peeled
1 4-oz. jar roasted peppers

Mix evaporated milk and water in a large bowl. Add bread and let soak for about 10 minutes.

After bread has soaked up the milk, add bluefish, salt, butter, onion, lemon juice and egg yolks (no whites, yet). Mix thoroughly.

Beat egg whites with a wire whisk or electric mixer until stiff peaks form. Fold in stiffened egg white with bluefish mixture. Don't overmix!

Grease a loaf pan (8½ by 4½ by 2½ inches) and pour in half of fish mixture. Position boiled eggs over fish mixture and top with rest of fish mixture. Cut roasted peppers in strips and arrange over loaf. Bake in a preheated oven set at 350 degrees for about 40 minutes. Cool briefly and unmold. Slice and serve with a tossed salad and boiled potatoes.

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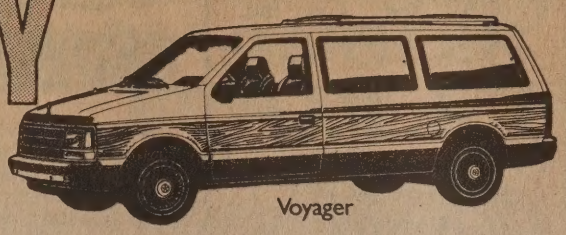

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The Tackle Doctor

by Ken Freel

We've been receiving a lot of requests concerning where to find parts for antique and discontinued rod and reels. These requests quite often included reels like the Ocean City and Pflueger brands which are no longer made. It just so happens that Gary Diamond, our Delaware, Maryland, Virginia edition's Advertising Manager called to let me know that there is a place, and a man, who has a cornucopia of old rod and reel parts for those fishermen who need them. He also repairs old rods and reels, and faster than many of the major repair shops. Pouser's Rod and Reel Service also repairs and has parts for most of today's reels. Gary tells me that, "If Pouser's does not have it, then no one does." If you have an old rod or reel and need replacement parts or repairs, then write or call: Pouser's Rod and Reel Service, 115 Belmont Ave., Wilmington, DE 19804, Att: Mr. Joe Pouser; (302) 645-7853.

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Dear Doc,

I recently was planning on going blackfishing and purchased 2 quarts of fiddler and 2 dozen green crabs, but it just so happened that a rainstorm came up and we had to go home. There was so much bait that it would have been a shame to throw it away so I put it in a plastic bag and put it in the freezer. I will take it out in 2 weeks. My question: can I use that bait? *John Salese.*

Dear John,

I think it was good thinking on your part to save all that bait. It's a waste of money, time and effort just to give it the heave-ho just because you can't use it right away. As mentioned in past columns fresh bait always work best, but frozen bait is not too far behind as long as you take a few precautions before freezing.

With green crabs or fiddler crabs you want to make sure to place them in a plastic container or bag without water. Even with this precaution, though, the bait will still tend to be a bit mushy when you finally get around to using it, but much less mushy than if frozen in water.

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Dear Doc,

I am an avid bay and inshore fisherman and I hate to see people keep fish illegally, but I see it all the time. I am, too, sometimes unsure of a keeper sized fish and must try to find something on hand to measure the fish with.

I've seen a nice sticker in most tackle shops with a measurement breakdown of all fish keeper sizes. Unfortunately, all the tackle shop owners say the same thing, namely "not for sale," or "only have one." It's yellow and about 2½ feet long. I'm wondering if you can tell me where to get this angling tool. I'm sure plenty of others are wondering if such a thing exists for legal catch and release fishing in a hurry. I hope to hear from you soon. *Bill Dobbelaer.*

Dear Bill,

I believe I know the sticker you are referring to, as it was a part of a Berkley promotion to dealers and tackle shops a few years back. Unfortunately, this sticker is no longer available and even when it was, it was directed to the dealers and shop owners only.

Many fishermen make their own

homemade measuring board which often is just the cutting board with appropriate notches made to indicate the minimum length for a certain species of fish. For example, a 13 or 14 inch notch would be made on the board for those fishermen who catch fluke in New Jersey or New York since 13 inches is the minimum size allowable in the Garden State; 14 in the Big Apple waters. Another notch could be placed at the 33 inch mark for striped bass.

You can also mark your cutting board with a Magic Marker at one inch intervals for the total length of the board. This will take out all the guesswork.

Another thing you could do is to stop by a local fabric or hardware store and purchase a wooden yardstick. This stick can be screwed into a large cutting board or even placed at a fish cutting table at your marina (ask permission first). Fabric stores have these sticks in a variety of painted colors. The paint helps protect the sticks from the elements. You may want to buy an unpainted stick and varnish it to protect it from the water and weather. With these basic measuring sticks you'll never have to worry about keeping a fish that isn't legal size.

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Dear Doc,

I plan on gettting into some sea bass fishing on wrecks and have heard people talk about grappling a wreck. What does grappling a wreck mean? *Mike Eller.*

Dear Mike,

Wreck fishing is coming into its own over the past few years as fishermen begin to realize the enjoyable and consistent fishing that wreck fishing provides. Grappling over a wreck simply means using a grapple anchor to "hook up" to the wreck itself.

A grappling anchor is made from several pieces of concrete reinforcing rods which are welded together. A grappling anchor resembles the grappling hook a mountain climber uses to scale steep rock formations. The idea of grappling a wreck is to get the anchor attached to the wreck itself.

The advantage of this technique is that you do not need as much anchor line to reach the wreck as you would if you anchored to the bottom and drifted over the wreck structure.

The nice aspect of this type of anchor is that if you get it caught up in the wreck all you have to do is pull on it hard and the rod will straighten out. When you get back to port you can then bend the rod back into place and you'll be ready for your next trip.

Some fishermen place a loop at the very bottom of the grappling anchor and attach a second line to the same. This enables you to pull the anchor from the bottom end up first which often frees the anchor from the wreck without having to straighten an anchor rod or two out.

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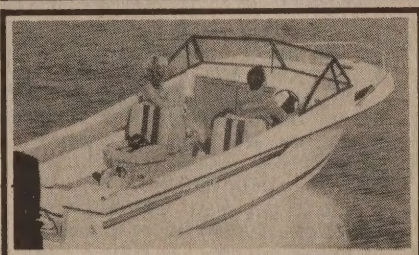

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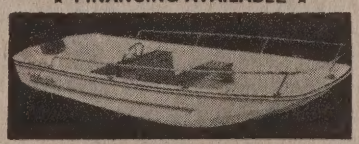

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Dock Lines

by Eric Burnley

Dear Eric,

I'd like some information about frequent recharging of the battery.

I have a 1970 60 horsepower Johnson motor, which has an alternator in it. I'm not sure if it works, so each time I go out fishing, I recharge the battery.

I do not make long runs in the boat, mostly about 10 minutes or so and then very short runs back to where I started (such as fishing for fluke).

I'd like to know if it is harmful to the battery if I recharge it each time.

Frank J. Cihlar.

Dear Frank,

Maintaining the proper charge on your battery is important, but I am not sure you need to put it on the charger each time you use it. Too much charging can eat up the plates and result in short battery life.

My first suggestion is to have the alternator on your motor checked for proper operation. Once you know it is working you should have more confidence in your battery.

You might also consider the purchase of a battery tester to keep track of the power level in your battery. If you get a good reading you know the battery does not need a charge.

Finally, when you charge the battery, be careful of overcharging. Some chargers shut off when the maximum charge is reached, but many otherr keep on going unless you cut them off. It does not take a long time for a charger to boil the liquid out of a battery and destroy the plates. This procedure also creates hazardous fumes that can explode, so only charge your battery in a well ventilated area.

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Dear Eric,

I have a question concerning the graph recorder on my 23 foot Sea Ox. I know how the thing works but I am never certain of exactly what it is showing me. I was told the signal returns are better from fish with an air bladder. If this is so, how well will the graph show fish without an air bladder? I also get readings that don't appear to be fish but are quite long and dark on the paper.

I also have a question about my VHF radio. On occasion the volume is very weak when I first turn the unit on. If I leave it on for a period of time the volume returns to normal. I keep the radio on my boat and it is mounted in a box under the helm station. Could something in the radio be getting wet and cutting down the volume?

Joseph F. Doyle.

Dear Joe,

The solution to your first question is experience. The more you use the graph, the better you will be able to tell exactly what the various marks indicate.

I spent a day fishing with Daryl Lowrance and he could tell the difference between fish species as they appeared on his recorder. Of course, Mr. Lowrance has considerable experience with graph recorders, but when he pointed out the differences it was apparent that most of us could learn to do the same.

The adjustment of your gain, discrimination, separation, contrast or other controls can also determine how the readings will appear. You must work with these adjustments until you find the settings that suit you best.

The long dark lines you read could be a thermocline. This is caused when two bodies of water with different temperatures come together and somehow create a condition that reflects a signal back to the recorder.

As to your VHF radio, I recommend you remove it from the boat and keep it in a dry place when not in use. This

will accomplsih two things. First, it will keep the radio dry and possibly solve your volume problem. Second, it will prevent someone else from removing the radio when you are not on the boat. I take off all my electronics even if I plan to fish the next day. It only takes five minutes, but it saves a lot of the grief that would result should someone walk off with everything.

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Dear Eric,

I am an avid reader of your column and the magazine even though I did not have a boat until recently.

In Issue No. 10, March 5, 1987, you discussed backing a boat into a slip. I want to warn any neophyte like myself that this could be a very costly undertaking. I tried it on the second day I owned by $20,000 outboard rig. I was going in reverse too fast and before I could switch and go forward, the momentum carried me into a piling. It didn't give one bit. This was in dead calm water, too. I hit the rub rail so hard, it mashed it somewhat and cracked out some of the gel coat. What would have happened if I had hit the piling a little further over where the $6,000 motor hangs? My outboard seems to be completely unpredictable in reverse. Do you have any other suggestions for getting my boat in stern first? *Embarrassed.*

Dear Embarrassed,

We have all bounced off a piling or two and I have seveal dents in my rub rail to prove it. The experience is especially traumatic when the boat is brand new.

Your outboard should not be unpredictable in reverse and as you gain more experience you will acquire a feeling for how your boat will respnd to various situations.

I have an I/O which responds the same as an outboard because both units steer by directing the props as well as the rudder. This is supposed to make them more maneuverable than a single screw inboard.

If you have enough room to set yourself up so the boat is directly in front of the slip you should be able to back in a straight line. When you have to back in on an angle, try to get at least one-third of the boat into the slip under power and then pull it the rest of the way in manually. Other boaters may snicker at this procedure, but it gets the boat into the slip without causing damage to anything but your ego.

Keep in mind that when a collision with a piling or another boat is at hand the only way to stop your boat is to apply power in the opposite direction. If you are about to back hard into something, apply forward throttle until the boat stops. Don't stay on the throttle too long or you will find yourself in trouble going the other way.

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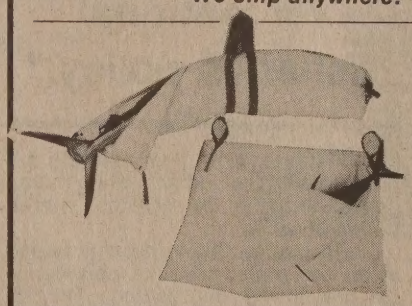

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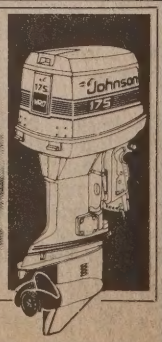

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Sport Fishing Federation

The New York Sport Fishing Federation has announced that its president Charles H. Johnson, has been selected to be part of a nationwide blue ribbon panel to advise the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) on developing a more effective marine recreational fisheries policy.

Mr. Johnson recently spent two days in Washington conferring with NMFS Director, Dr. William Evans, other agency personnel and a dozen recreational fishing leaders from all of the coastal states, plus representatives from the Sport Fishing Institute and the American Fishing Tackle Manufacturers Association (AFTMA).

The meeting was an outgrowth of talks between recreational fishing industry leaders and NOAA Administrator Dr. Anthony Calio. These meetings were sponsored by United Sport Fishermen (USF), a national group of industry leaders that was put together by AFTMA to bring attention to the needs of the recreational fishing industry.

The agenda was divided into four main areas: parity with the commercial sector, the resource, data, and constituency and user interaction. In the preamble of the draft report it is stated that NMFS must establish a stronger commitment to a philosophy of fisheries management that emphasizes resource conservation and long-term fisheries stability, rather than focusing on short term economic returns. It must also develop and follow through on more rigorous ways of holding its managers accountable for responding to Marine Recreational Fishing (MRF) interests and concerns.

As for parity, it was stated that marine recreational interests must be given parity with commercial interests and five methods were recommended:

1. The resource must be managed as a public resource to the maximum benefit of the public at-large.

2. The composition of all NMFS and Council advisory groups, as well as the Councils themselves, should be made up of equal MRF and commercial representation.

3. Increase NMFS recreational fisheries staff.

4. Since MRF is an economic and social entity, of greater importance and magnitude than the commercial industry, MRF interests need information and training in the field of grantsmanship so they can develop competitive MRF proposals.

5. NMFS must change its mindset to give MRF parity in the budget process by recognizing that MRF supports more citizens directly, produces more revenue to the GNP, and provides a needed recreational outlet for millions of people.

The overriding concern for the resource is the need for a conservation approach to management:

"he will be advising the NMFS on developing a more effective marine recreational fisheries policy."

1. Fisheries and their habitats are public resources and should be managed as such for the greatest overall public benefit.

2. Resources should be maintained at an acceptable level of abundance by preventing overfishing. Priority should be given to a pro-active mode rather than reactive.

3. For depleted stocks, rebuilding to an acceptable level of abundance is required.

4. A more aggressive advocacy role is required to protect habitat and, where necessary, ensure effective mitigation.

5. Effective enforcement of sound conservation measures based on the best scientific advice is essential to maintain stocks at an acceptable level.

6. The development and use of nondestructive commercial fishing gear should be encouraged to minimize the by-catch harvest of small fish and destruction of habitat.

7. Support commercial mariculture efforts for species used as food to help meet market demands and reduce the harvest from wild stocks.

8. Lack of adequate or complete data should not be an excuse to delay management.

As for data, the timeliness, accuracy, precision and comparability of these data is questioned by the MRF constituency:

1. Standardize methodologies of economic evaluation for producing comparable value estimates between the commercial and recreational fisheries.

2. NMFS should develop, select, and fund options for adequately meeting catch and effort data needs, and work more closely with the states especially with regard to using Wallop-Breaux funds to supplement the MRF survey.

3. NMFS should establish a leadership role in promoting standards for biological and socio-economic data collection as a means to facilitate data comparability.

4. The MRF constituency perceives that future MRF development will probably be much more valuable to society than additional commercial development.

NMFS marine recreational fisheries activities must be carefully coordinated with the MRF community:

1. NMFS must develop a formal system to communicate regularly with the MRF constituency.

2. NMFS must create new avenues for the MRF constituency to provide input to the agency's decision-making processes.

3. NMFS should work closely with other Federal and State agencies to reach common solutions to MRF problems.

4. NMFS should define and establish contact with the broad MRF constituency, including associated industries.

5. NMFS should ensure that MRF interests play an active and substantial role in the analysis, discussion and resolution of marine policy issues relative to interjurisdictional fisheries management.

The Federation considers this meeting and future meetings that are scheduled to be a major step forward for recreational fishing interests. The Federation urges all fishermen to get behind this effort. Supporting membership in the Federation only costs $10. Checks can be mailed to Box 240, Oakdale, NY 11769.

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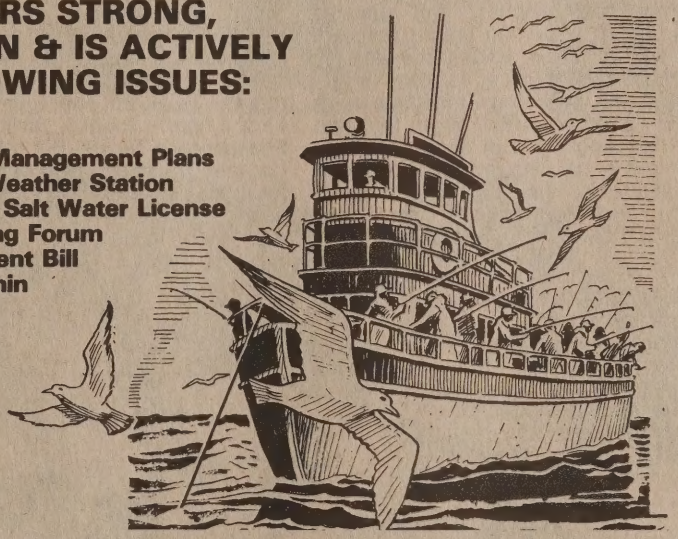

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THIRD ANNUAL FLUKE DERBY WINNERS

by William A. Muller

The 3rd annual Captree Fluke Tournament was better than the second, which was better than the first—if that's possible. Eight hundred and thirty people participated this year (about 100 more than in 1986), the weather was superb, and the fluke were a bit larger than in the first two years of the tournament. The smallest fish to qualify for a prize weighed almost 4 pounds!

We had a lot of fun, too, under the green and white tent at the Awards Ceremony. People at the ceremony were in an "up" mood and so along with the free beer from Natural Light, there were plenty of good quips, story telling, backslapping, and general good cheer. Our two young helpers, Chris and Susan, ended the day by giving us a chuckle as they interpreted my interview questions with typical child-accurate insight that had me doubting my own questions.

Thanks to all who made the event a big success. The Long Island State Parks and Recreation Commission, Regional Director John Sheridan and Deputy Director, Mike Asheroff, Superintendent of Robert Moses, Neil Ackerson, and the man who runs Captree and his great crew, Howard Lefhelm. A big thanks to Eileen Lenko from LISPRC permits office who makes the paper work smooth as silk and who helped me out so efficiently at the awards ceremony.

I can't forget Noel Kappauff and Bob Springer from Captree Bait and Tackle. If you registered for the event at the bait station you know how easy they made it for you. What you don't see is the paper work, the preparation of prizes behind the scenes, the long planning sessions, and the hours that go into this event and the rest of the tournament schedule.

Industry sponsors play a very big role in the success of our tournaments. To Stren and Prime Fishing Line a hearty thanks, Striker Tackle, Shakespeare Tackle, Penn Reels, and Captain Nappi Fishing Rigs: thanks for providing quality prizes and for your support in local recreational marine angling. Special thanks to All-Tackle Distributors, Northville Industries, and Bomber Bait Co. for providing raffle prizes. Thanks to Tru-Turn Hooks for providing hundreds of packages of hooks as a surprise giveaway at the ceremony registration.

I must single out a few special thank yous, if you'll indulge me, because these folks just were so helpful and supportive of The Fisherman Sport Fishing Fund, the tournament, and local fishing that they deserve a hat's off. The people at Tru-Turn are great. They are so genuine and so committed, I think you should remember this attitude when you next buy hooks, because surely a commitment to excellence in tournament support must carry over into the manufacture of hooks. I use these hooks and let me tell you they do everything that's claimed for them.

How about Striker Tackle. When we ran into a little problem and supply and demand, Striker said no problem, we'll help out some more. That's a fantastic attitude and is appreciated by all those who ran the event, but

Bill Muller conducts raffle with help from Eileen, Bob and Noel, while hundreds of anglers wait for the next winner. ***Dick Mermon photo.***

also those who participated.

Bomber Bait Company just recently involved themselves in our tournament schedule. There'll be gift packages of Bomber Lures for 4th through 10th place winners at the upcoming Surf Bluefish Tournament in October. But Barry Stegall, the man who handles these programs at Bomber said to me to put some extra lure packages into the raffle program at the fluke event. Our thanks to Bomber Baits for making lures that really catch fish and are durable enough to stand up to them, for pitching in at the last minute, and for supporting our tournament program.

Other sponsors have been consistent supporters. I wouldn't want you to think that their interest is diminishing, because it isn't. Penn, Shakespeare, and Stren have been with us from the beginning and remain dedicated. Thanks a lot!

The biggest thanks of all has to go to you, the fisherpeople! Without you, there is no event. In spite of the fact that interest in flounder persisted well into June, in spite of the fact that fluke fishing didn't really pick up until about ten days before the tournament, and in spite of the fact that there are a lot of short fish out there, you got into the spirit and registered. One of the facts about these events that we'd like to get across to all fisherpeople in our area, is that you don't have to be a pro to win this. In fact, as far as we know there aren't any pros in these events. Ten and fifteen pound fluke are not needed to win. Men, women, children, senior citizens—they have all been winners in our tournament events.

We appreciate the support you give these events and by so doing you support The Fisherman Sport Fishing Fund. Remember, your modest entry fee, minus prizes and expenses, goes into the fund. You have already witnessed the benefits of the fund. Three fish cleaning stations—two at Jones Beach and one at Captree—new four wheel drive access at Gilgo, support for anti-beach erosion projects, and support for artificial reef construction are projects that the fund has already committed to, and this year there will be more projects supported that will enhance your fishing.

Remember, we have the Bluefish Surf Tournament coming up in mid-October. Register early. This is the granddaddy of these events now in its fifth year. Lots of prizes, raffles, and a good time under the tent. See you then!

The final standings of the fluke derby follow:

1st: Joseph Valenti, 5 lbs.
2nd: Joe Picarillo, 4 lbs. 14 oz.
3rd: Larry Chovnick, 4 lbs. 11 oz.
4th: LeRoy Batorsky, 4 lbs. 10 oz.
5th: Robert Picarillo, 4 lbs. 4 oz.
6th: Don Heller, 4 lbs. 3 oz.
7th: Lou Shrewshack, 4 lbs. 3 oz.
8th: Joseph Garguilo, 4 lbs. 2 oz.
8th: Joseph Garguilo, 4 lbs. 2 oz.
9th: Charles Sciara, 3 lbs. 15 oz.
10th: Ray Stelz, 3 lbs. 14 oz.

Among the fine raffle prizes were quality reels from Penn. ***Dick Mermon photo.***

Bill Muller hands over a raffle prize of Bomber lures to a participant winner at Awards Ceremony. ***Dick Mermon photo.***

JULY ON THE WESTERN SOUND

by Ted Keatley

Porgies, fluke and stripers will entertain anglers but the emphasis will be on bluefish.

Porgies should be plentiful and another superior fluke season seems to be shaping up. However, the July emphasis in western Long Island Sound will be on bluefishing. When the blues are chomping, few fishermen are content with sinker bouncing even though porgies and fluke are considered better table fare by many. This distinction is unimportant to me since I do not eat fish and give away my catch. If some people do not want my bluefish, they can go to the fish market and buy what they like. There always are others who are glad to get free bluefish.

The bluefish arrived early again this year. Mike Pataky and I took 33 on May 22 in mid-Sound "off the hospital" (between the Lilco stacks at Northport and Cranes Neck). THe following day, Chuck Flanagan and his son, Charlie, were with me. We had about 50 blues, but location is only an educated guess. I intended to fish off the hospital again and probably did. However, with the haze and fog, I only had one short glimpse of the Long Island shore all morning.

My June column was devoted to trolling techniques and I probably will be spending most of my time trolling a Periwinkle hair jig on 125 feet of mono by the time that this issue reaches readers. During the past two seasons, I have done exceptionally well on big alligators with this method. I fished inshore areas, particularly harbors, in depths of 6 to 20 feet.

Last summer, Stamford's Westcott Cove, Stamford Harbor and various areas of Captains Harbor (Greenwich) were very good to me. On one occasion, I loaded the boat dragging big blues out from under the Presidential in front of the Showboat Restaurant at the head of Greenwich Harbor. I'll bet that Harry Truman and JFK never did this while sailing down the Potomac during the old yacht's glory days.

However, fishing cut bait and live-lining bunkers also are very productive methods for both bluefish AND striped bass. Since the probability is that Connecticut will have the same one fish (33 inch minimum) limit as New York when this issue is mailed, the potential for taking a cow bass will be a consideration on both sides of the Sound this summer. Nothing can match the effectiveness of a live bunker if you are looking for a big bass.

Last year, I did very little bait fishing until the end of the season when the big blues were beginning to school in deeper water and make their plans for the long trip south to winter quarters. Mike Pataky and I did well into November on a reef south of the Stamford Cows (buoy 32) and at buoy 32A in mid-Sound between Greenwich Point and Oyster Bay.

The reef off the Cows was unusual since blues of all sizes as well as a few big weakfish were there at the same time. Usually blues in a limited area are pretty much of a size. However, the next hit after landing an oversized snapper could just as well be an alligator weighing 12 to 15 pounds. Art Glowka took first prize at Halloween Yacht Club a few years ago with a 21 lb. blue caught on this reef. He actually was porgy fishing and put out a chunk bait on speculation with a spare rod.

Initially, Mike and I fished live bunkers. With the small bluefish eating them an inch at a time, it didn't take long to run out of bait. We eventually discovered that half a bunker brought just as much action. For some reason, the usual slice about 1½ inches wide didn't do much to excite the blues.

The real secret was using a drail between the mono and the hook snell so that the bait could be suspended a few feet off the bottom. One ounce probably would have been adequate at slack water, but we normally used a weight of 4 to 6 ounces. Even 6 ounces would not hold once the tide began to run fast. On this particular reel, the bottom rises from 60 to 40 feet as you approach from the east and then drops precipitiously to over 90. This creates quite an underwater turbulence (probably the reason why the baitfish gather and the bluefish follow them). Since the fish stay close to the bottom, that is where your bait must be. To keep the bait in the combat zone, you should free spool until you feel the lead hit. Then, take up any slack and retrieve a little additional line so that the bait is 2 to 3 feet off the bottom. I discovered this technique by trial and error some years ago, when I used to fish the K racing buoy in mid-Sound between Rye's Milton Point and Hempstead Harbor. Added advantages include the frustration of bait stealing crabs and elimination of snagging on foul bottom and mud smeared bait in soft areas.

I never have had too much success in deep water bait fishing from an anchored boat on a fast running tide. Best action usually occurs on slow moving water just before or after low or high slack.

A related approach is drifting bait weighted to keep it just off the bottom. For this, a triangular piece cut from a fillet is preferable. The usual chunk tends to spin going through the water. Bunker is better than mackerel since it is firmer and does not tend to fall apart.

What is the best bait? Bunker and mackerel seem equally effective and I even have used bergalls on occasion with good results. Since the spring mackerel run didn't "run" this year, I do not have my usual supply in the freezer. However, the mossbunkers arrived in mid-May and seem to be quite plentiful.

While I consider frozen mackerel as effective as fresh, I do not care for frozen bunker although it does catch fish. An important point to remember is that the bait should be "fresh" even if it has been frozen. Keep it on ice until you are ready to use it. A few hours in the July sun converts bunker and mackerel into something better suited to baiting lobster pots.

Last season, we were fortunate to have bunkers readily available throughout the season. Although they were in the Stamford area only intermittently, getting a supply of bunkers presented little problem in Norwalk, Greenwich, Rye and Mamaroneck. On the Long Island side, big schools could be found consistently in Huntington Harbor and Oyster Bay. Since it is unlikely that Zapata-Haynie and Standard Products will send their

purse seiners all the way up from Reedville, Va. in upper Chesapeake Bay, bunker availability should present no problem this season unless the fish decide to repeat the pattern of a few years ago and spend most of the summer in the Gulf of Maine.

Of course, bunker dunkin' complicates life since you must go "fishing" for mossbunkers before you can go fishing for bluefish. The best way to take live bunker is to snag them with a weighted treble hook (size 7/0 to 9/0). They are plankton feeders and do not take bait or lures.

Often the biggest problem is finding a school of bunkers. Immediately after daylight usually is the best time since they tend to surface and flip on top at that unseemly hour.

Locating them in choppy water is virtually impossible unless you can pick up a school with your depth recorder. I often have gotten bait solely because they showed on my Lowrance chart machine. There was absolutely no sign of them on the surface. In Stamford Harbor, the schools frequently lie on the bottom along the edge of the channel during the day and there is no way that you will find them unless you are running a recorder.

If you spot a school on top, the boat should be eased up to them slowly and quietly. If they are frightened and bluefish or bass are not below them pushing them up, they will sound and disappear.

Cast the weighted treble to the far side of the school and allow it to sink—longer and deeper than you may think necessary. Some fishermen make a practice of slowly counting to six before they begin reeling. Begin the retrieve slowly. If you are passing through the school, you can feel the bunker bumping against the line.

As soon as you feel the fish, bring the rod tip up sharply. If you miss, allow the treble to sink and begin retrieving as before. Bunkers have large, tough scales. Thus, a stiff rod and sharp hooks are necessary to snatch successfully.

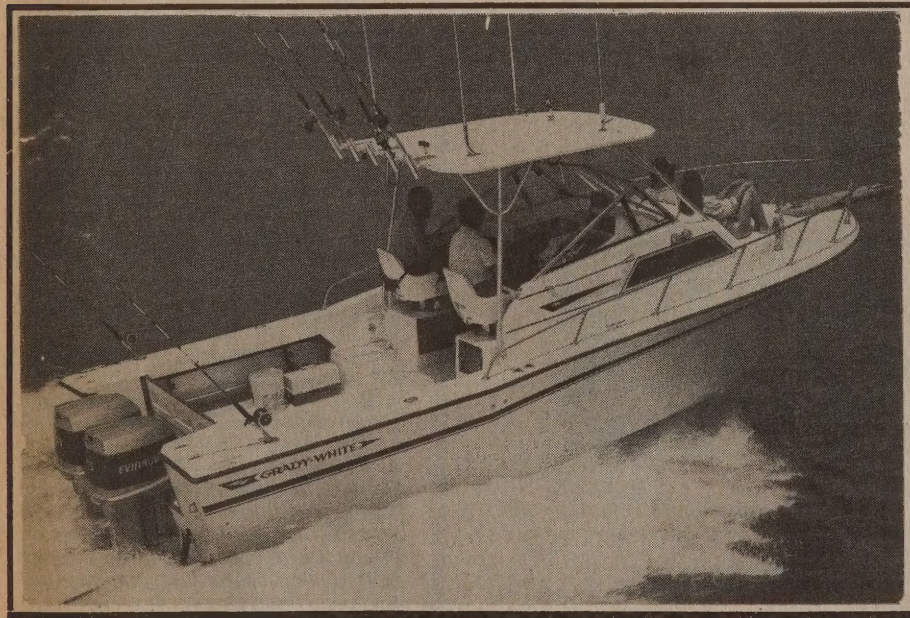
After you have snagged your bunkers, the biggest problem is keeping them alive unless you plan to chunk bait. They have a heavy oxygen requirement and are more fragile than most fish used for live bait. Fish hooked through the brain or bleeding badly should be put aside for cut bait or chum since they will die very quickly.

I put my bunkers in a 24 gallon round plastic trash barrel which I tie alongside the boat. The barrel has about 25, 1½ inch diameter holes to provide water circulation and a plastic collar to support it. I also have a 32 gallon barrel in the boat hooked up to a through-hull circulating pump. A hose attached about 6 inches below the rim of the barrel serves as an overboard drain when the pump is running. This permits me to transport the bunkers a considerable distance with minimum mortality. Once I reach my destination, the pump is turned off and the smaller barrel goes over the side again.

I can carry a dozen bunkers with this arrangement although eight probably would be a better number at the peak of the summer heat when water oxyten levels are low and the Sound looks like boarding house coffee.

Livelining bunkers is a lot of work, but there is no better way to attract the attention of big alligator blues and trophy striped bass. Live bunkers will outfish chunks two or three to one quite consistently if there are big bluefish around. The only problem is the appearance of small blues that will nibble and yank on the bunker without getting hooked.

This past spring provided the best flounder fishing in many years. I kept nothing close enough to the 10 inch minimum to require measuring and rarely threw back a fish. The fluke and porgy seasons also seem to be shaping up nicely. I attribute this to the restrictions on dragging in Western Long Island Sound which limits trawlers to a maximum length of 45 feet and reduces the taking of lobsters to a 100 piece by-catch. Lobsters were the money crop which lures a fleet of draggers rivaling the Spanish Armada into our area in the early years of this decade. There were offshore draggers up to 100 feet long working in our waters.



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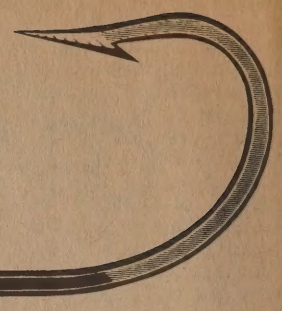

by Matt Ahern

I'm sitting here counting on my fingers. And I find I have been writing these weekly articles and stories for The Fisherman for 14 years. And in those hundreds of articles, I have repeated scores of times what I am about to repeat again. **There is more to fishing than putting bait on the hook.** It isn't just lowering bait on the bottom and hoping that some stupid fish will come along and look favorably upon it. You know, I'll tell you something. I have never caught a "stupid" fish in 66 years of continuous fishing. I'm sure that were fish "stupid," they would have perished along with the dodo...and deservedly so, for our tired world is geared to intelligence, no matter how meager.

And also let me say this: the most expensive part of a fisherman's tackle is his rod and reel. The least expensive is his terminal tackle. This being so, the average fisherman will seldom give second thought to this very important part of his equipment. He may spend a goodly part of a week's pay for a rod and reel, never realizing that it is the ten cent hook on the end of that rod and reel which may determine if he will be successful in landing the largest fish he has hooked to date. If that hook fails, all his efforts come to naught. Then, and only then, does he realize there is more to fishing than putting bait on the hook.

To really understand just how important terminal tackle can be, watch the expert fisherman carefully. Pay strict attention when he selects his rigging. If you're smart, you will ask him (or her) why he does this and why he does that. Most fishermen will gladly share this knowledge with you—in fact, in all those long years of fishing, I have yet to meet one who has refused to help. Satisfies the ego, and all that. The expert knows that without the use of the correct hook and sinker, swivels and a running knowledge of simple knots, his chances of consistently good fishing is greatly reduced. The old saw that says 10 percent of the fishermen catch 90 percent of the fish is not said in jest. It is one of the fishing facts of life.

Sharp-toothed fish like fluke require a long shanked hook.

Any fisherman caring to join that select 10 percent can do nothing better than to study the whys and wherefores of terminal tackle.

All experienced fishermen know the correct size and type hook to use for the fish they seek. The major differences between various hooks such as Sproat, Limerick, Carlisle, Kirby or Chestertown and what those differences are, distinguish the expert from the tyro. From past experiences, these fellows know that sharp-toothed large-mouthed fish such as fluke or bluefish cannot bite through the long shank of a Kirby or Carlisle hook, so they rig accordingly, disregarding those shorter, regular shanked hooks, such as the Sproat, which are normally used for softer mouth fish such as cod and ling.

About the only exception to this rule would be the flounder. While our flat friend has a soft, toothless mouth, it has the annoying habit of taking the bait deeply; the long shanked Chestertown aids in hook removal. Fish such as sea bass and porgies are easily caught on Sproat or Limerick hooks of the correct size. For blackfish, a #5 Virginia is preferred. You may be certain the experienced fisherman never selects his hooks without careful consideration. He will shy away from so-called "bargain" hooks as if they were the Plague.

Sinker knowledge is very useful. Proper sinker selection isn't just a case of any sinker will do. Each type of sinker, just as each type of fishhook, was designed to do a certain job. Experienced surfers when fishing bottom know it is best to use a pyramid-shaped sinker of the proper weight. They know that to use a bank sinker, or other cylindrical sinker, will defeat its purpose as it rolls in the wash and tow of the surf. The pyramid sinker being flat-sided and triangular-shaped, digs into the sand bottom and holds fast. But use that same pyramid sinker on rocky bottom and its purpose is defeated because it will snag rather easily. The bank sinker, being rounded, has a better chance of sliding past obstructions. Try always to use the lightest sinker possible. Enjoyment is reduced when fish must fight the weight of large sinkers.

Swivels. The primary purpose of a swivel is to prevent line twist while trolling, but it can be used as a stop when fishing bottom with a sliding

sinker. Three-way swivels are usually used while bottom fishing—the lower ring for attachment of the sinker, the middle ring for the snelled hook and the top ring for line attachment. Snap swivels facilitate the changing of lures, especially when night fishing. However, don't overload. Remember the bottom fisherman's adage: the less hardware, the better. Always use the lightest swivel possible for the fishing you intend doing. Big fish tend to be spooky; they lack the sang-froid of their younger brethren. (See, who told you fish were stupid?)

Every fisherman should have some knowledge of knots. I guess you might say it is impossible to fish without coming into contact with them. It isn't required that you have the vast repertoire of a deep-water sailor, but the smart, proficient fisherman will take an interest in knots such as the Improved Clinch, which can be used to place a ringed hook (or snelled hook) to the main line.

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Okay—let's get back.

Any knot in monofilament will weaken it to some degree; some more than others. The very versatile Improved Clinch Knot can be used to attach a shrimp tail when weakfishing and you may also attach a snap, barrel, or three-wy swivel easily and surely. I'll tell you something I've discovered when placing lures on the main line when weakfishing. It is best to dispense with the swivel and tie the lure directly to the main line. More fish seem to be hooked this way—probably because the snap detracts from the lure's action.

All of the info listed here is only a little of the knowledge experienced fishermen possess—most of which they have attained the hard way: through trial and error. As the guy said when he landed his first pool winner: "There's more to fishing than putting bait on the hook." Amen.

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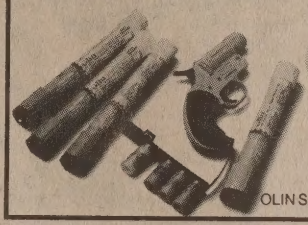

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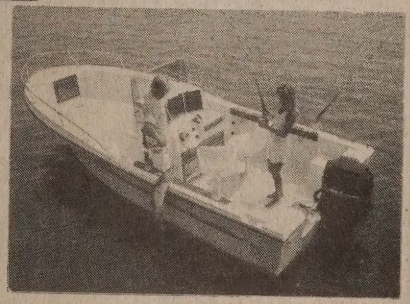

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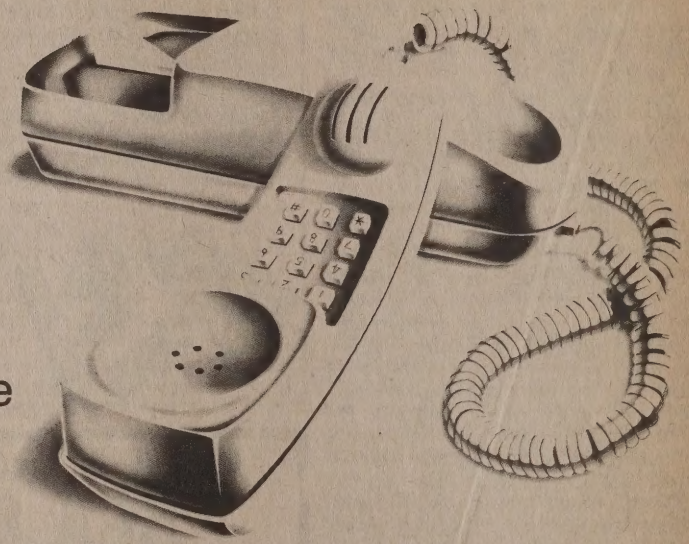

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ISLANDS OF FLUKE

by Russ Wilson

A lot of New York anglers are missing a good bet by not fishing Hoffman and Swinburne Islands. These two small islands, located in the northernmost area of the bay, just south of the Verrazano Narrows bridge, are home to a variety of species including striped bass, weakfish, blues and fluke.

For purposes of this article, however, I will focus on the fluke fishing potential of the islands, and hopefully, provide some tips that may prove beneficial to others who are not familiar with this section of the upper bay.

Waters surrounding both of these small islands provide superb "edge" fishing, and can be counted on to produce good catches of fluke through the summer season. As a rule, the action begins to heat up shortly after Memorial Day and will continue through early October during years when the weather is mild.

The shoal waters, located along the entire eastern side starting from just above Hoffman and continuing past Swinburne almost to the junction of Ambrose and Chapel Hill Channels often yield the best early season fluke catches.

There are a couple of reasons why this happens. First, and foremost, fluke that are moving into the bay will usually follow channel edges as they make their way to summering areas, and the shoal waters provide a natural route. In addition, water depth throughout the shoal area varies from only a couple of feet to 15 feet. Because the water is shallow, it responds more quickly to the warming rays of the sun. Quite often you'll find a 5 to 10 degree difference in surface water temperature along the shoals and this is usually enough to get the summer flatfish into a feeding mood.

Along the western side of the islands you'll notice the bottom terrain is more stable, with a gradual tapering off to deep holes and sluiceways that carry a variety of smaller baitfish, worms and crabs down current and into the deeper holes located below Hoffman and above Swinburne. The entire area is a natural for fluke, but it is not as easy to fish as you might imagine at first glance. I feel this is due to the tremendous amount of habitat that is available to the fish, making it possible for them to set up residence most anywhere from the western edge of the Narrows to the Staten Island shore.

A typical upper bay fluke comes aboard the author's "Marauder."

Locating the islands is a snap. If you follow Ambrose Channel north to where it passes Norton's Point, you'll see the two small islands, one to the south and the other slightly north of Norton's, but on the opposite side of the Narrows Channel. Loran C owners will use the 9960 GRI to pick up TD numbers 27036 X 43785 for Hoffman and 27032 X 43777 for Swinburne. These are the numbers for each island and are not those you'll use when attempting to locate specific holes and dropoffs.

There are no Loran C charts of the area but you might want to purchase one of the Fishing Chart Series which are being marketed by Captain Vic Galgano. These are available at area bait and tackle shops, marinas and sporting goods outlets or may be ordered direct from Captain Vic Enterprises, 8 Iris Court, Milltown, NJ 08850. Galgano does provide some Loran C numbers of fishing areas located throughout the bay.

Other reliable charts of the bay are produced by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. These also may be purchased locally. The NOAA chart you want is #12327. Using the chart as a guide, look for the most pronounced dropoffs and holes. These are the spots that will normally yield the greatest number of fluke after the initial early season blast of fresh run fish has been worked over by the regulars who fish this out of the way area.

When fishing the lower bay I prefer the outgoing tide, but at Hoffman and Swinburne I haven't really found that it matters too much which stage of the tide I am fishing, just so long as the current is moving fast enough to provide a reasonably fast drift.

Some local charter skippers feel differently and will work the channel side during incoming and the bay shore edges on the outoing water. You cannot argue with success, and since this system does produce some outstanding fluke catches for the charter skippers I'd suggest you follow their lead.

I do know, however, that there are many times when you will find it pays to short drift a small area. On more than one occasion, I've hit fish one after another in an area not much larger than a couple hundred feet. Once the boat drifted past the hotspot I could not buy a hit, but the minute I put the boat back in position, the rods started dancing.

There is one very deep hole just a few hundred yards below Swinburne that typifies what I am trying to relate. This area is not much larger

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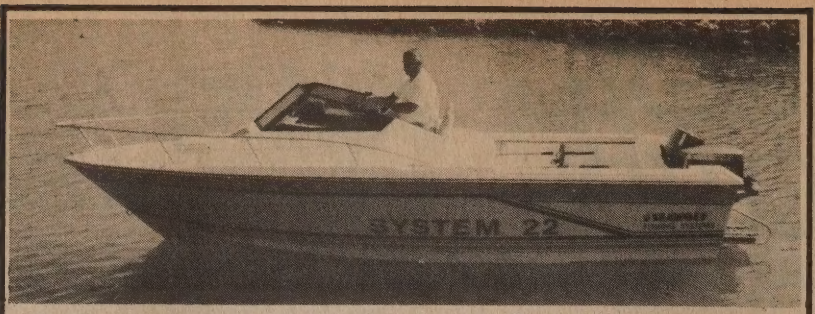

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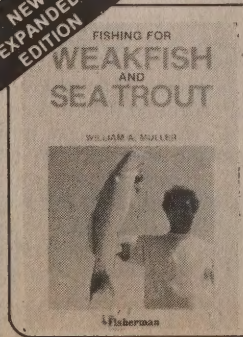

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than a one family house and drops off quickly from 10 feet to almost 20 feet. When I drift across it I have only enough time to hook a fish before the boat has passed the deepest part of the hole. If I am using two rods and the fluke are in a mood to eat, I'll often catch a fish on each bait.

Most experienced fluke fishermen who focus on the islands will carry medium weight casting or spinning outfits and will have a selection of sand eel, live killie, squid strips and perhaps some strips of fresh cut fluke belly or back.

It pays to experiment with a variety of baits for you never know what the fluke will want to eat on a particular day. Some savvy fluke fishermen claim they use only a live killie and squid strip combination and always catch fish. I doubt it. From what I've learned in more than 35 years of fishing for fluke, it does not pay to develop "tunnel vision." Any angler who thinks he has a pipeline to the fish is in for some humiliating moments, and is certainly not going to catch as many fish as another fisherman who keeps abreast of changing conditions.

There is no doubt you'll catch plenty of fluke when baiting with a squid and killie combo. That is something any experienced fluke fisherman has the common sense to know. But, there are many times when fluke will completely ignore a juicy killie and squid combo to jump all over a sand eels or a large spearing, or even a plain strip of squid or fluke belly. Being willing to adapt to existing conditions is what separates the novice from the experienced fisherman and it is also the difference between catching fish and just fishing.

Bait is the least expensive part of your fishing arsenal and to skimp in this area is being penny wise and pound foolish. Buy enough bait to last the day and make sure it is as fresh as possible at the time of purchase. Keep baits on ice or stored out of the sun so they don't dry out and lose their scent, and you'll find your fluke scores will improve.

Most experienced fluke fishermen who probe the islands use a standard fluke rig consisting of a three foot leader and a 1/0 to 3/0 size hook. Some anglers prefer the English wide bends while others follow tradition by rigging with the short shank beak style model or will elect to use one of the long shank models that has a smaller hook soldered near the eye to keep larger baits swimming in a straight line.

A favorite among many savvy fluke experts is the Mustad upturned eye (model #93655) in a 1, 1/0 or 2/0 or the new Gamukatsu upturned eye model in the same size. The hooks are purchased in bulk and then snelled direct to a 42 inch piece of 15 pound test stiff leader material. The opposite end of the leader is tied to one eye of a three-way swivel using a clinch knot. A 12 inch piece of 10 pound test mono is used to form a dropper to which a

sinker is attached. This is tied to one of the remaining eyes of the three way and the remaining eye is where you will connect the rig to your fishing line. It is a very simple but effective rig that has accounted for many thousands of large and small fluke and costs but pennies to make.

The current will dictate what size sinker you will need. Slow moving tides require less weight to hold bottom while a rushing tide will necessitate a much greater amount of weight is needed to keep the bait down in the strike zone. I suggest you carry a variety of weights ranging from only one ounce to 4 or 5 ounces and adjust the weight as changing conditions indicate.

Fluke living around the islands hit a bait in the same fashion as those inhabiting Montauk or Rockaway. You may feel a slight tap when the fish takes the bait into his mouth or you may sense additional weight on the line. Either way, allow a moment for the fish to get the bait well back into its mouth and then lift the rod sharply to stab the hook into something solid. Hooking fluke really isn't difficult if you do it right. Some anglers get too excited and try to stick the fish the moment they feel a hit. With some species such as blackfish, porgy or sea bass it pays to hit quick but with fluke you'll generally have a better percentage of solid hook-ups if you wait a couple seconds before setting the hook.

The chances of catching a really big fluke are excellent. Many of the smaller summer flounder that inhabit this area will lay up on the shoals to pick off small crabs, baitfish and other tidbits that are washed along with the tide. Larger fluke, however, will generally inhabit the deeper holes, waiting to ambush bigger baitfish such as snapper blues, spike weakfish, cunners and herring or young of the year menhaden.

Knowing this, it pays to rig with big baits when probing the deeper channels, holes and dropoffs. A 6 to 10 inch strip of fluke belly, whole snapper blue or peanut size bunker is not too large a mouthful for a doormat size fluke to handle.

A lot of smaller fluke, some measuring only 9 or 10 inches will set up residence on the shoals and at times, can be a nuisance. Keep in mind, the legal minimum size is 14 inches. All of those little fluke MUST be released unharmed so they will grow to provide sport in the years to come.

The islands are easy to reach and are within range of most anyone who fishes from Brooklyn, Rockaway and other ports along the south shore.

When you've tried the rest and haven't found the kind of fluke fishing that satisfies, crank up the engine and head for Hoffman and Swinburne, which many fluke fishermen feel is the best. You will have company, but that is to be expected when fishing close to one of the world's largest cities.

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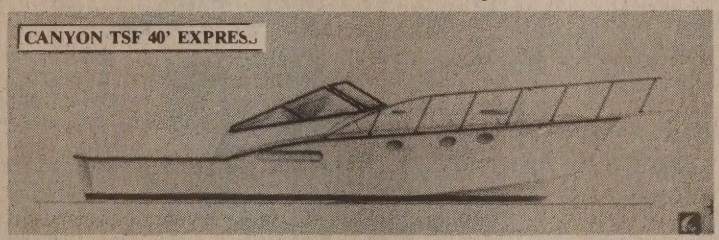

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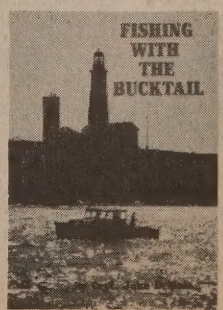

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TEASE THOSE TUNA!

by Pete Barrett

Like ice cream lures kids, the right teaser can lure in tuna and billfish.

"What the heck is that?" asked one of the charter fares as the mate pulled out a string of soda cans laced onto a 3/8 nylon rope. The wild array of colors glistened in the early morning sunlight and the cans clanked as they dropped to the deck.

"These," said Tommy, the mate, "are my secret weapon. Just look at the holes in this can," he demanded as he showed one 7-Up can with a slashing cut through one side. "That was a white marlin; a real mad white marlin that lit up like the fourth of July when he crashed into that teaser string. We hooked him a second later on the flat line."

Tommy said no more as we watched him attach the end of the rope to a small cleat on top of the stern covering board and then dropped the entire mess into the Hatteras Atlantic. As the line straightened in the wash the string of cans darted to the left and right, dove under the wake to stream long plumes of bubbles and then burst from the water in a short hop and a splash of blue water. As it danced the cans tinkled and clinked in the turbulent wake.

Whatever tune it played, white marlin liked it. In less than a half hour the first white knocked the cans into the air slashing wildly with its bill, then turning with a violent twist of its purple-sheened body and was gone.

Whether it was the same fish or not didn't really matter, but in a split second the cans were tossed skyward again. This time as the marlin turned to run he blasted the swimming mullet on the flat line and was hooked

Don Mann readies a Moldcraft Hooker teaser.

solidly without even a dropback.

All hell broke loose as the captain and mate shouted commands and threats to one another and the angler tried to keep his cool in the midst of a marlin war. "Reel the line you jackass. Don't give him an inch of slack. Reel, reel, reel damn it. Swing the stern, Captain, he's running to port. Watch that other line, get it in quick. Back down, back. There he goes he's gonna jump! Don't miss that leader. You're pulling too hard. That's it let him run again. Okay, ease him in. All right, there's the tag, cut the leader. Good job everyone."

The battle left me, the angler, in a daze. I wasn't quite sure what had happened, but I must have been a decent "Winder" since the mate and captain both shook my hand and offered their congratulations. Before the day was finished the Hatteras waters gave up five white marlin to our Navy base crew and probably the soda can teaser helped.

That was about 20 years ago but the message hasn't dimmed with passing fishing seasons: offshore game fish like teasers. Or, maybe they don't like them and are simply taking swipes at a teaser to attack it rather than to eat it. Either way, teasers help draw fish to the boat and to the lure pattern.

A giant flat faced Mold Craft Hooker teaser has helped pull tuna fish into the lures several times. Once while trolling along a weed line a small group of yellowfins tore off from the main pack of fish and homed in on the teaser. Three of the 5 or 6 fish in the group came within inches of the teaser before turning away. A split second later three rods were bent over hard as the fish waffled lures further back in the pattern.

Another favorite teaser of mine is blue multi-mirrored Boone swimmer that darts and flashes in the wake. The first one I had got destroyed by a white marlin that came up and belted the teaser then got its bill wrapped in the teaser line. Something had to give and unfortunately, the 300 pound test line that held the teaser gave out before the fish did. I now use heavier braided nylon cord.

A second mirror teaser has helped pull tuna fish into the pattern, too. Long fins pushing water on a quiet, calm day were easy to see on one particular canyon trip and as I made a turn to pull the lures right in front of the slow cruising fish, a pair of long fins darted away from the school. The sun was behind me with no glare to blind our eyes and it was fantastic to see the albacore, fins out like fighter planes, as they zipped into the edge of the wake. One fish turned off, no doubt spooked in such quiet water, but the second fish swam up to the teaser, tried to blast it and failed, then attacked a small Clone lure on the second wake. "Fish on!" because of the teaser.

Basic teasers have three shapes: bowling pin style, Kona head style and flat faced style. The bowling pin is one of the earliest teasers and often the first versions were literally real bowling pins "borrowed from a local alley." The bowling pins action was ideally suited for trolling rigged baits since it worked so well at slow to medium speeds.

The Kona style fast became popular as the offshore lure craze hit the Coast. Faster trolling speeds didn't always suit the bowling pin teasers but the scooped out faces of the Kona head teasers seemed about perfect. Today the Kona style is still a favorite, especially among marlin addicts.

The latest teasers are the flat faced shapes: huge heads with a diameter of 4 to 5 inches around. They smoke bubbles like an enormous NASA rocket gone off course. They have some side to side action, but nothing as wild as the Kona head. The main attraction to this style is the smoke plumes that can stretch out up to 15 or 20 feet in length. Tuna can see them from far away and from deeper depths.

Teasers seem to work best when positioned in close to the boat. I like to put mine in the first wake behind the boat. Since each boat throws a slightly different wake, the length of the line to the teaser needs to be adjusted for your own boat. Usually about 25 feet is about right.

Most skippers run just one teaser down the center, fastened to the transom by a snap at the end of the teaser line which attaches to a "U" cleat. Teasers can pull hard and it only takes the loss of one teaser valued at $20 to $50 to learn that the line is attached to the cleat before the teaser is tossed over the side.

I've talked to other canyon runners who fish a teaser off each transom corner and they report good success with this tandem pattern. It's tough to run two teasers in a narrow boat, or an outboard, but wider beam boats can do this handily. When I fished my 25 Mako at the canyons, I fished the teaser slightly off to one side, attaching the big lure to a stern cleat.

Some offshore anglers use teasers dropped back from outriggers so the teaser(s) can be placed further back in the pattern. There's no doubt that this method does work, but most fishermen prefer to fish lures armed with hooks in place of hookless teasers. Teasers run off the transom and placed in the first wake seem to attract fish into the pattern, but don't get many hits themselves. Teasers further back in the lure pattern get smashed on just the armed lures, but with no hook in place they can't catch fish. Since our canyon runs are so long in time and distance most fishermen want to hook every fish that strikes a lure. You can always release a hooked fish, but you can't fillet a lost fish.

Teasers can be the ace in the hole on many canyon trips when trolling can be slow. It pays to put as much pizzazz in the water as you can and teasers do help attract blue water game fish.

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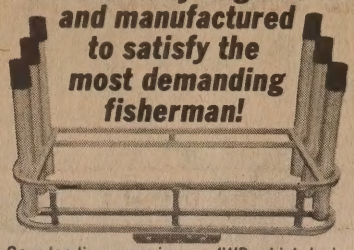

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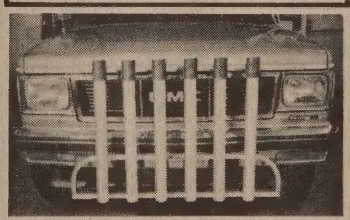

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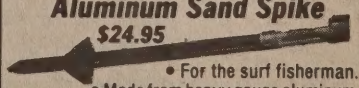

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KERMIT THE FROG

by Dick Mermon

Earl's lure struck the water with a splat, then established itself calmly among the lily pads as though stunned from its touchdown. The lure's coloration blended with the surrounding greenery, except for the legs, which dangled beneath the surface in a lifelike manner. Earl allowed it to remain in a motionless position for several minutes. The lure was an imitation frog, a look-alike in body shape and color and the largemouth engulfed the lifeless artificial in a tremendous boil.

"See that," Earl yelped as he set the hook, "some days they just can't keep away from that frog and I just knew this was one of those froggin' days," he added as he began to reel in the chunky bass.

Frogs and largemouth bass are as natural as worms and birds, for it is a native forage as are minnows and crawfish. Yet only a hand full of bass anglers ever consider using frog lures during a season. Most would rather employ the "quick-fire" method of spinnerbaits and crankbaits, or toss plastic worms into the shoreline in order to find the haunts of the bass. Still, the territory is totally revealed to an angler where the frog can be used by the floating vegetation such as lily pads, moss, duck weed, cabomba and other slop. What looks to be a non-productive greenery on the surface, is a suitable area for the frog to tackle. The overhead umbrella cover is visible to the angler's eys, but the important growth is the tree-like stems of the pads and weeds with their tunnels and mazes below. It is here where the bass usually station themselves. The primary factor for the lack of interest in fishing with a soft plastic frog is in the snail's pace retrieve and patience.

Several manufacturers have tried to duplicate a natural frog, but the most popular for a number of years is Bill Plummer's version. At first, the soft plastic body had no weed guard to protect the lure's hook, but it did have ribbon-like legs that tantalized the bass. Then came its transformation, not only in body shape, but supported by a specially designed, weed guard and new legs that were longer and more flexible. With these changes, the lure became a rage for those bass anglers who enjoyed tossing a surface floating bait into a field of sloppy vegetation.

Then Plummer's "Super Frog" was again reshaped in body and legs with the true weedless guard remaining as before. This newly refurbished rubber frog rests on the water similar to a natural croaker, eyes exposed, body upright and the legs hanging downward. Even at a total stationary position, the slightest movement, or surface ripple cause the legs to produce a lifelike flip trying to keep afloat.

A major reason why so few anglers actually use this deadly bass weapon is because of the slow poke method of fishing it. The frog is a snail's pace and determined hunter in any floating slop. Cast it into a patch of lilies, or along the edge. It should remain motionless until all outward ripples caused by the touchdown have

vanished. The rod tip is then twitched slightly, but enough to produce motion in the lure's legs and allowed to rest for a short duration. Once again, after the surface rings have smoothed, the frog is put into action by a few more nudges. The technique is repeated several times prior to retrieving and if no strike is triggered along the way, the lure is recast to another target area. Bass, using the overhead cover as a shield, do not move too quickly from an area they have staked out. Therefore, the lure must cover the territory and be brought to them, or at least close enough to feel the sound vibrations. It is the prolonged movement each time that excites largemouths and an unexpected strike could come at any time.

Another technique in fishing a synthetic frog, especially onto, or over floating moss, is to target the bait for an opening. No matter show small it may seem, bass hide well below in the dark area and watch the clear patches above for any type forage. The lure is cast towards the opening and allowed to remain where it lands for a short period. If it settles close by, or overshoots the spot, leave it be. After a short stay at that location, work the lure to the opening edge, again stop and let it sit. After about a minute, twitch the frog into the opening and stop there, but be prepared for a strike. If bass are aggressively feeding, they will not wait for the frog to pass into the opening, but bust through the moss and take it that way, slop and all. The same scheme can be employed when fishing heavy lily pad cover, only remember to use the sluggish retrieve method and let the legs do the enticing in open water sections.

Froggin' can be employed any time of the day or night; however, they are best during early morning, or at dusk, when croakers become most prevalent. There are slop weeds which bass utilize all day long, even during the hottest periods of the day in July and August. These are resident fish and do not migrate from the weed cover until the water temperature drops below 55 degrees. Still, all floating weeds do not support bass and the frogger must go by a trial and error method to distinguish which surface mess maintains the best underwater caves, tunnels and mini-forests for the bass to hide in. Resident fish will take on a dark coloration, with a blended lateral line, whereas migrants, or ones that just happen to pass through in search of food remain the lighter hue and sustain the standard side stripe.

An imitation "Kermit" is one of the best kept secrets of froggers who are not tournament oriented. The lure's design and task is for those anglers who relish observing the surface action and strike. It may be small in size compared to other lures, but as the saying goes, "good things come in small packages," and this little thing is dynamite in the slop.

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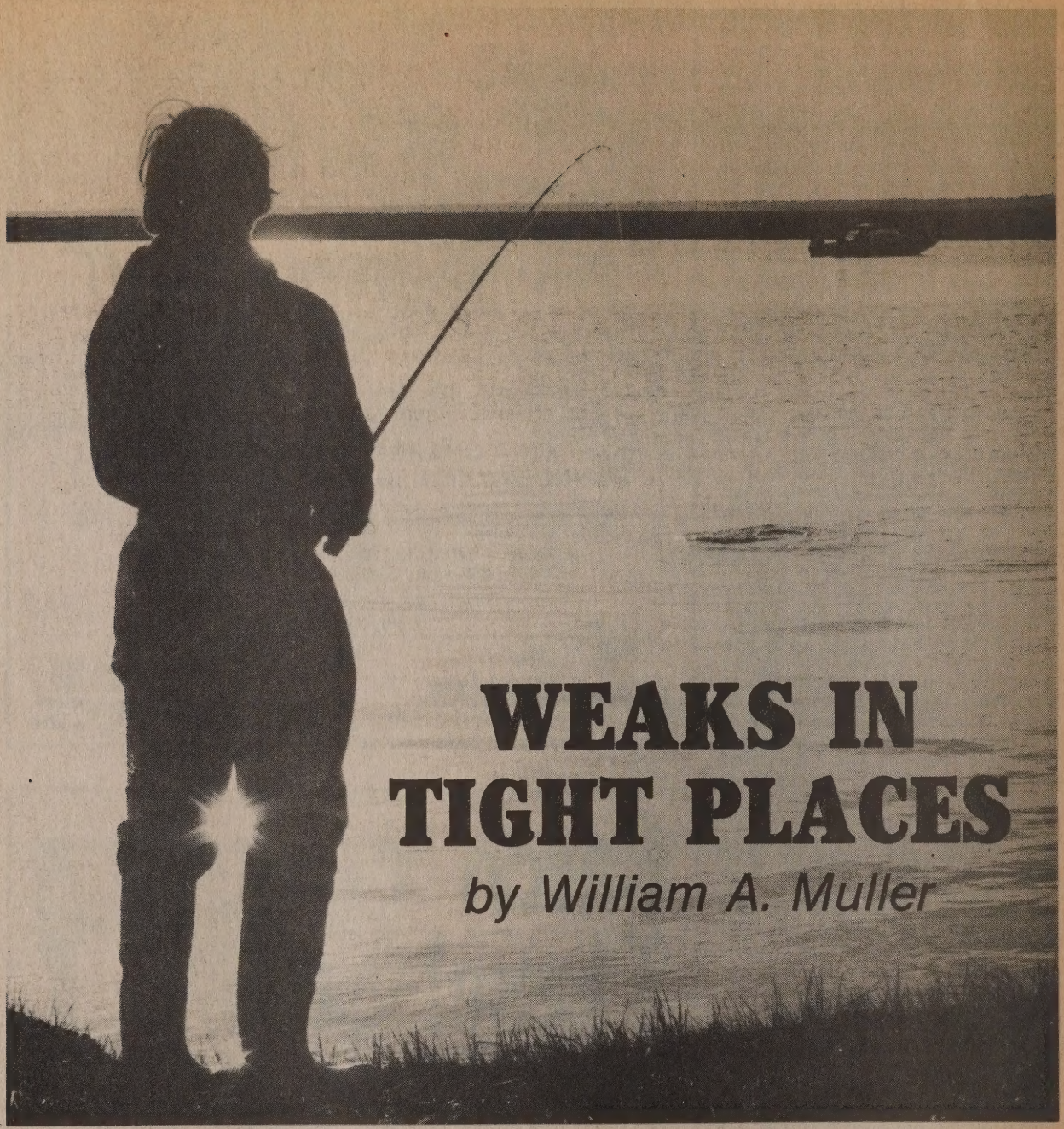

WEAKS IN TIGHT PLACES

by William A. Muller

If you're asking yourself, "what are weaks in tight places?" I understand your confusion. So, perhaps it would be best if I explained the title before getting into the substance of this article.

As we roll into summer and the schools of densely back late spring baits such as sand eels and anchovy begin to either spread out into deeper water or migrate northward, predators such as weakfish must seek food elsewhere. Most of the big blues will chase after bait in the nearby open ocean, bass with their larger maws can afford to make a living on bunker, big eels, larger crabs, etc. Sure, a good sized weakie can make it with a bunker, but it isn't as easy as it is for the chopping blue or the gulping bass.

The food problem explains why we find weaks in lots of tight places as the summer gets into high gear. Weaks will seek out smaller baits that they can handle more easily. Things like grass shrimp, killies, spearing, small soft shell crabs, perhaps squid, and stray sand eels. These baits are not likely to be found along the ocean beach at this time of year, nor will the weaks find an abundance of food on the spawning flats. They will feed mostly at night now, when the water cools and they can hunt with less boat traffic, sun glare and noisy swimmers.

The weaks will emerge from deep holes in bays, sounds, and inlets at night and begin to work along channel edges, at the bases of jetties, nearby to rock piles, around grass islands, and close to bridges. These structures are in and of themselves, rather severely limited areas and thus qualify as tight places, yet we can encounter weakfish in even tighter quarters. I've caught them in narrow canals where if I wasn't careful, I would easily cast across. I've caught them amongst moorings, and I've found them way back in creeks during night tides. These are truly tight places and the characteristics of tight places makes demands on tackle and techniques.

Back bay canals, creeks, drains, moorings, pilings, channel pockets are so small that big tackle is a hindrance rather than an asset no matter how big the weaks are. Six and seven foot spinning rods or bait casting outfits are better choices since most of the time you'll be tossing

rather than casting. Rods that are quite flexible are better too, since they will be able to cast very small lures and because the spring in the bend as the fish fights will whip them quickly and tend to reduce frantic behavior on the part of the fish.

I like small reels spooled with 6 pound test line. I will use a two foot length of 20 pound test leader to reduce loss of fish and lures due to abrasion with fish, pilings, rope, rocks, bulkheads, etc. I wouldn't recommend ultralight tackle for this fishing simply because the lighter the tackle the harder it becomes to turn a fish and that can be very important in a small fighting area. Eventually you reach a point where you achieve a balance between light shock-absorbing tackle, and sufficient power to stop and turn a fish. I believe that point is reached at about the point most anglers would describe as medium freshwater weight.

You'll have to stretch your tackle to its limits in order for this strategy to work. That is, you need this light tackle to cast very small lures, work them properly and flexibility to discourage frantic behavior, yet these weaks may weigh up to 15 pounds and so you'll need power. Get the power from the bend of the rod which stores the energy of a pulling fish, and get the power from the line which has a certain breaking strength but will also stretch. Set the drag at about 50 percent of the line strength. Use a scale to do this. Tie your knots very, very carefully at this drag setting in order to minimize the chances of breaking the line at the knot. Remember that most good knots when tied properly have a breaking strength that averages about 95 percent of the line test. At 50 percent drag you'll need great knots. Wet the knot down with saliva before you pull it tight for better results. This way, your rod will bend in agony under the pull of a fish, but you'll be able to exert an unexpected amount of power against that fish.

Don't worry about all that talk concerning weak mouths and how you have to use a very light drag to avoid tearing the hook out of their mouths. I've been fishing for weakfish since about 1948 and I've lost very few fish that way. In fact, my overall impression is that I have lost no larger number of lip-hooked weaks than bass or blues. In fact, I'd have to say that is is the relentless and tireless pulling and twisting of blues that causes these to be lost with great frequency when lip hooked. Yes, the weak connective tissue between the jaw bone elements will tear more easily, and yet, it is more likely that hooks in this zone will open up holes, but the key to keeping the fish attached is to maintain pressure so that the hook does not fall out. I recommend you fight a weakfish no differently than any other game fish. I know there are some very good weakfishermen out there who will disagree. I give them credit and respect for their opinions. Perhaps the reader should try it both ways and reach an independent conclusion.

Baits must be small because that is what the fish are expecting. Carry a 7 inch swimming type lure such as a Rebel, Redfin, or Bomber in case a pod of school of bunker has also worked into a tight place, but most of the time smaller lures are needed.

Plastic lures such as shrimp and grubs are good choices in small versions. Colors that are most often successful include white, pink, red, and yellow. Plastic worms on leadheads that weight about 1/8 of an ounce are good too. I like the 5 inch worms in tight backwater areas. Good colors include red, grape, black and "root beer."

Small white or yellow bucktails of 1/8 to 1/4 ounces are also very good lures. Mr. Twister makes some small maribou jigs that are terrific for this type of angling.

Lead head lures should be worked deep. I like to drag them along the bottom, occasionally lifting the rod tip gently so that the lure rises slowly off the bottom and then can be allowed to settle back down slowly. The weaks usually either grab the lure as it is dragged along, which the fisherman will feel as a sharp jolt, or the fish will hit as the lure settles back to the bottom. This hit will be felt as a tap. In both cases, set the hook immediately.

Small swimming lures work well, too. In very shallow water floaters are best, but where there is more than four feet of water and the bottom is free of debris, I suggest sinkers. Two, three and four inch plugs are good sizes. Colors aren't usually important. The retrieve should be very slow and once in awhile, I like to twitch the rod tip.

Tight places means that the weaks will be very spooky. Keep this in mind as you approach the spot. Be quiet and move slowly. Take your time even if the weaks are slurping. Don't get overanxious, because that leads to noise and noise drives away the fish. Pick a spot to cast from and make the cast carefully. Try to avoid mistakes that send lures crashing to the water. Try to cast beyond the fish. If there are lights, such as in boat docking areas, avoid casting a shadow.

When you hook a fish, the commotion that results will put the fish off their feed and drive them some distance away. Remember, these fish are uncomfortable in restricted water. They wouldn't be there if they didn't have to be. Generally it will take 15 minutes to a half hour for the weaks to work back into the area and resume feeding. Some spots, however, are one-spot places. Catch one and the rest are permanently driven off. If you find such a spot, make every fish count. Do what you can to keep that fish attached.

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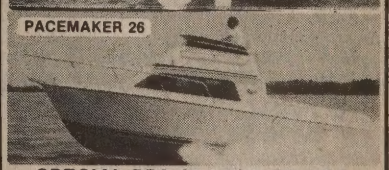

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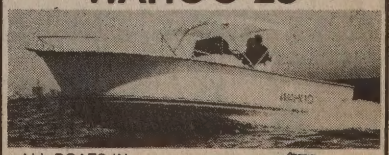
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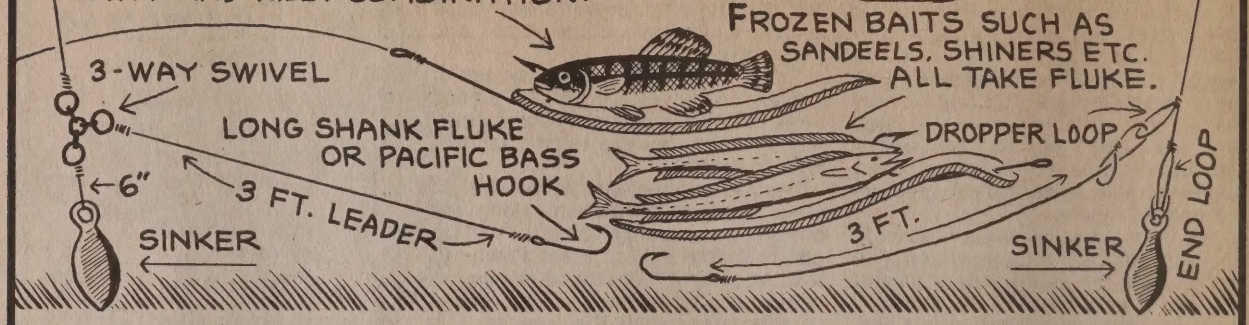

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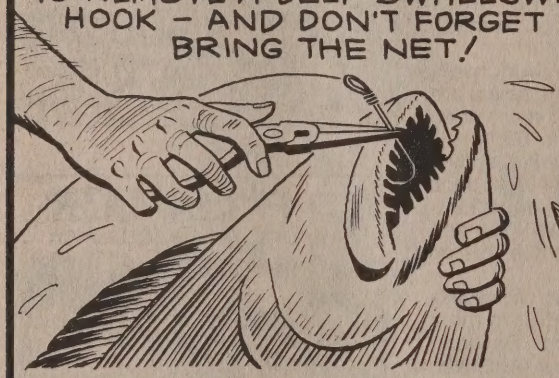

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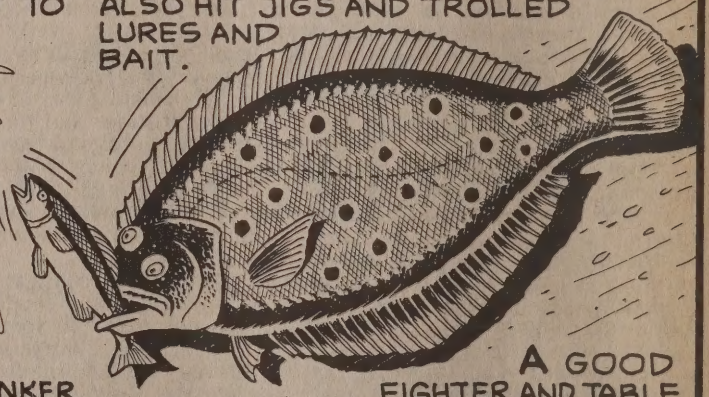

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SOUND OF SUMMER

by Fred Laager

Small boatmen cash in on some fine light tackle sport on Long Island Sound during the summer months.

The boat moved by the shore in a lazy drift and within its shell we rode. With the engine silenced and cocked out of the water, we made sure that nothing was presented deep below the waterline that might engage the submerged rocks lying just beneath the surface. Nothing would make a noise that might frighten the fish. Shod in sneakers we moved around in the dory quietly; with little if any communication being spent between us save that of hand signals or an occasional expression of concern for something heard in the distance.

Together we fished. Mike would cast his lure; then I would cast mine and both would alight on their mark and slip along their path toward we who controlled them. Neck and neck they would race toward us. Sometimes mine would win; sometimes not. Often a piece of seaweed would catch on the hooks and low one down, another "handicap" we would say; or one would get caught in a whirlpool, a "pitstop" on its way back to the boat and for many casts the lures remained untouched as they cut their small V wakes through the water. It was a lazy endeavor: the drifting, the casting, the silence, the subtle sound of poppers skipping on the surface. It was a repetition that was mesmerizing; a serenity creating a feeling that something was about to happen.

As we approached the end of the drift the boat spun in a small vortex and came to a stop on the edge of the flow. Toward shore we noticed a grass bank protruding deep into the channel and that on its outer edge a matt of floating reeds and grasses had been cast aside by the ebbing tide. Within this matt we saw a small opening about 20 feet wide. It seemed a perfect place for fish to hid in; a spot where the outgoing tide would bring bait to the mouths of waiting fish while the floating debris provided inhabitants below with shelter from the voracious grip of such airborn predators as herons, ospreys and the like. It was a hard spot to fish by any standards and our casts had to be accurate. Luckily our lures found their mark and together they landed on the outer edge of the grass matt about 10 feet apart.

Suddenly our lines went taut and there was a great commotion where the lures had landed. A series of circular waves instantly emanated from the spot where the lures had landed and where water had once been and the surrounding matt of grass was now riding and bobbing on waves created by forces below. Immediately our lines raced toward the deeper part of the channel.

"Bass?" I asked as I watched Mike's line go once around the boat and back toward the channel.

"Mine's a bass," he replied, "but yours is acting like a blue."

Indeed, mine was a bluefish and he hit the popper with a characteristic SLAP while the bass vacuumed in the lure almost silently, but with deliberate haste. Both fish fought well and on six pound test outfits, both gave a

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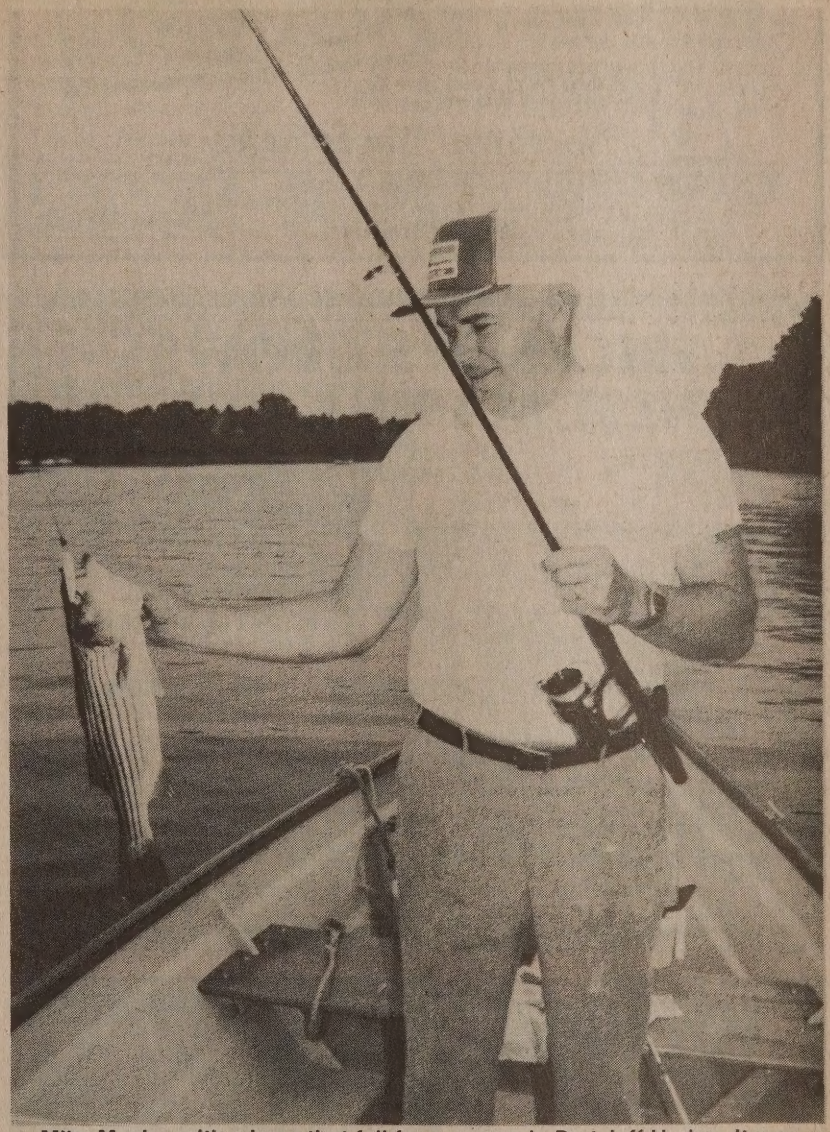

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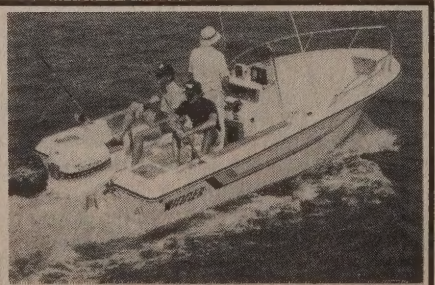

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fight that would test our mettle. The bass was 5 or 6 pounds and the bluefish slightly larger, but what these fish lacked in size they made up for in numbers and by the end of the evening we had over 15 fish to our credit. Because we were using artificials the hooks weren't taken too deeply and all the fish were released unharmed. It gave us both a good feeling returning these fish to the water to fight another day and by doing so, we both felt that our efforts might ensure that this productive summer fishery would remain viable for years to come and for other anglers to enjoy.

For anglers interested in light tackle bass and bluefishing during the summer months, Long Island's north shore offers many opportunities. Small striped bass, that is, fish under the 33 inch minimum, abound in the Sound and "summer over" along many beaches especially near estuaries and inlets where food is readily available. Bass offer a good fight on light tackle with a long sustained first run, but they are often hard to fool into biting and are most often caught at night. Unlike the bass, bluefish are relatively easy to find almost anywhere and because of their greater numbers, hearty appetite and willingness to bite during the day, are often responsible for a lot of broken lines, snapped off lures, burned out drags and lots of fun. No matter which species you intend to try for, bass or bluefish, it is important that you fish with the right gear, use the right lure and understand the habits of these two premier game fish.

The outfit I use for light tackle work on these species is a medium light 7½ foot "freshwater" rod with a matching reel capable of holding at least 150 yards of six or eight pound test line. This lightweight outfit enables me to cast artificials further and for a longer period of time without incurring any arm fatigue and it is well matched to fish averaging less than 10 pounds. Be careful not to get a rod that is too stiff especially if you decide to fish six pound test line because the energy imparted on the line at the moment of the cast will often be entirely transmitted to the line alone causing it to snap. If you find that this is a problem with your rod, use a shock leader (a piece of 20 pound test monofilament blood knotted to your six pound test) that will serve to absorb the energy of the cast and allow you to fish with the stiffer rod. Being able to fish with lighter line lets your lures swim more naturally, makes your casts easier and allows you to get sufficient distance from such lightweight and effective artificials as Rapalas, Rebels and Bombers.

The lures that I find are most effective for these feisty summer fighters tend to be on the small side and rarely exceed six inches in length. Bucktails (leadhead jigs dressed with hair) are very productive when fished on the bottom and come in a wide variety of weights and colors. Rebels, Rapalas, Bombers, and the line are deadly on

blues and bass and have an action that few fish can resist. Perhaps the most enjoyable lures I fish with are poppers; not because they are the most productive but because they are the most exciting to use. There is nothing like seeing a dorsal fin cutting through the water in pursuit of your lure and there is often a great commotion and excitement when a fish jumps clear of his element, takes the popper in one swift and direct attack, somersaults and re-enters the water and begins the fight. Whether the fish is 8 pounds or 80, there is something about the savage attack inflicted on a popper that gets my heart beating wildly. Creek chub, Atom, Gibbs, and Rebel all produce poppers that will dupe most summer blues and bass.

When trying to locate a likely spot to cast your lure don't rule out marshy areas such as those found along grass banks or piers, for it is in these places that small baitfish abound and provide an abundant food source for larger fish. Anchorages of almost every north shore harbor such as those found from Little Neck Bay to Mt. Sinai are excellent places in which to find feeding schools especially when boat traffic has died down. Cast next to moorings, pieces of floating grass or wood, alongside an anchored boat or beside a large boulder jutting from the surface for it is next to structures such as these that fish rest and feed.

Inlets and estuaries are prime locations in which to encounter bluefish and bass for the movement of water helps them to ambush bait as it is carried by the current. Remember, never rule out places as likely spots to catch fish because the current is too strong. Unlike humans, fish have no problem in fighting the drag of the water (their fusiform shape being superbly adapted to their life in the sea) and often they will get behind a rock, rest in an eddy and wait for a piece of bait or a well presented lure to go by. The most productive spots of this kind on the north shore occupy a relatively small stretch of beach less than 15 miles long. The mouth of the Nissequogue River, the Porpoise Channel, the outflow of Flax Pond and the inlets to Port Jefferson and Mount Sinai harbors are hotspots for super summer action and are usually lightly fished in the early morning and at dusk.

So don't sit around the entire summer waiting for the fall run of larger fish to move in. Grab your light tackle and mosey on down to your local beach and find an area where the boat traffic and summer bathers haven't managed to frighten away the fish. Rig up a swimmer, a popper or a bucktail and cast along the shore toward some likely hiding places. Who knows, if all the conditions are right you might tie into a fish that will try your mettle and test your expertise. You might be amazed at your results and discover that Long Island's north shore is the summer fishing hotspot you were looking for.

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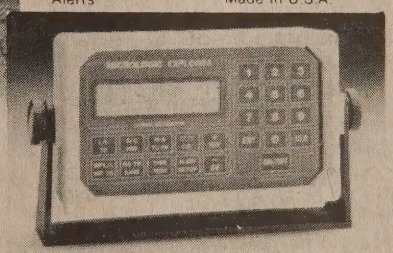

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EAST END SCUP

by Gerald Hahn

My friend Charlie is a bluefish chaser. He will fish for anything, as long as it's blue. It makes no difference to him whether the blues are in or not. You tell Charlie that you've taken a few blues at some spot, and he will beat the water to a froth with his trusy diamond jig.

One sunny October day, I discovered a large school of 5 pound blues on the Connecticut side of the Sound. I was sailing with another friend, Marvin, off Branford Beach, when we spotted them. All around the water was like glass, but about a mile offshore, there was one spot where it seemed to be raining. It was raining bunker that had come to the surface, their dorsal fins trembling and creating a drizzle on the water. Every so often, the drizzle changed to a thunderstorm as a bluefish charged the bunker from beneath. Unfortunately, Marlin, unlike Charlie, doesn't chase blues. In fact, he doesn't even fish. When I hooked the first blue, the fish sprayed Marvin's sail with red, and Marvin turned green, and that was the end of that.

A year later, Charlie had bought a 14 foot rowboat with a small outboard. When I told him about the blues at Branford Beach, he was raring to go. We tied the boat to the roof of his car and two hours later we arrived in Branford. The problem was, this October day at 5AM was freezing, and the tide was at low slack. We were up to our knees in the muck, but Charlie didn't care. He only cared when we caught sea robins and bergalls, the only fish out there that day.

The next time I fished for "blues" with Charlie, it was a glorious day in September. This time we headed for our side of the Sound, near Mattituck Inlet. Since Charlie's outboard was as reliable as my bluefish reports, we decided to rent a skiff. And once again, we tried drifting and casting lures for blues that never appeared. Nonetheless, I had figured that if the blues weren't around, at this time of the year, porgies would be plentiful. Having caught small scup in the West End earlier in the season, I was ready for a good tangle with humpbacks weighing over 1½ lbs. Knowing Charlie's penchant for blues, however, I figured he wouldn't have come prepared for porgies, so I had brought along some extra fishing outfits and bottom rigs.

After more than an hour of fruitless bluefishing, I quietly threaded a couple of sandworm pieces on a bottom rig and called out to Charlie, "Here, try this rod."

"What for?" he asked.

"It's a light rod. I want to see you handle it."

It was indeed a light rod, with a tip that shivered like those bunker several years back, and a small reel spooled with only 8 pound test. Charlie, looking both bored and perplexed, lowered the rig to the bottom. In a few seconds the rod tip took a nose-dive and catching Charlie unaware, plummeted right into the water.

"What the ...," said Charlie.

His line began zigzagging back and forth like a schizophrenic pendulum clock. Then the fish suddenly headed under the boat and nearly snapped the line. A few minutes later, Charlie brought in a porgy that weighed over 2 pounds.

"That was great," he said. "I didn't know porgies could fight like this."

"The big ones can," I answered. "And we're in the middle of a big porgy migration."

Indeed, large porgies are so strong, they often take spring weakfish anglers by surprise. And that day, although we didn't land a blue, we caught over 50 porgies. And that day, Charlie became a convert. Although he still pounds the water regularly for bluefish, he can't wait for the fall run of porgies on the north shore.

Yet you don't have to wait for autumn to catch big porgies. Also known as humpbacks and sea porgies, and just plain scup in New England, these fish may be taken throughout the summer, from Gardiner's Bay to Montauk. Earlier in the season, they make a brief run into the Peconics, around the time that tiderunners are taken.

Although it is possible to tangle with large porgies on light gear in the eastern sector of Long Island Sound, provided it is a calm day, at Gardiner's and Montauk, you will need heavier gear. The currents here are too strong for featherweight gear. A medium-light spinning outfit, consisting of a 7½ foot rod and a reel such as the Penn 240GR spooled with 12 to 15 pound test is about right. At times, sinker weight runs as heavy as 6 ounces, although most of the time you can get away with 3 or 4 ounces of lead. A 15 pound class conventional outfit is even better.

Rigs for major league scup, however, are not very different from the rigs one uses for minor league scup. A #1 Beak hook, preferably with barbs on the shank, will hold the largest porgy. This hook, with a short shank and a strong hollow point and reversed bend, is perfectly matched to the porgy's small, pointy mouth. A 12 inch leader of 30 pound test should be snelled to the hook. A typical rig consists of two of these snelled hooks tied in tandem, as per a flounder rig and secured to a three-way swivel, with a wire clip for the sinker. The swivel is tied to the end of the running line with an Improved Clinch knot, and the rig stays right on the bottom, where it belongs.

In Montauk's strong currents, however, some fishermen favor a hi-low rig. This rig begins as before, but only one hook is connected to the

swivel. A second hook, 13 inches above the first, is then secured to a dropper loop on the running line. The largest porgies seem to savor the top hook, which remains within their feeding range.

No matter whether you fish the eastern part of Long Island Sound, between Mattituck and Orient Point, or the east side of Gardiner's Island, or Montauk's Great Eastern, the best bait for big porgies is a sandworm cut into generous helpings and threaded carefully on the hook, with only a morsel trailing below the point. These days, however, sandworms are more expensive than porgy fillets and an excellent alternative is a skimmer clam. The clam is most effective when fresh, but it also works well as a frozen bait. It is terrible when salted. Salt preserves the clam, but it also drains it of its juices and only the most ravenous porgies will eat it. A skimmer clam should be sliced thin, and then twisted and impaled several times on the hook. The firm, bright yellow part is further secured by the barbs on the hook shank. Here, too, only a morsel of the soft stuff should dangle below the point.

Porgies are fond of mussel beds and rock strewn bottom and patches of sand in-between. There is no need to drift for them all over the place, as when fishing for Charlie's bluefish. Find a suitable spot in 15 to 40 feet of water, lower the anchor and a chum pot stuffed with clams or mussels or ground bunker, and you soon be will surrounded by scup. The fish are most active around a tidal change, when the current isn't racing like a bluefin tuna.

Large porgies are as quick as their younger relatives, the sand and bay porgies. They peck at the bait with the finesse of a pickpocket on a busy street. Consequently, the line must be kept tight at all times and eyes focused on the rod tip. Lower the rig to the bottom on the downcurrent side of the chum pot, and take in the slack immediately. The fish are so quick that if you dawdle, they will strip the bait while the line is slack. Raise and lower the rod to compensate for the pitching of the boat. As soon you feel the rapid taps of a porgy on the line, set the hook with a quick lift of the rod. Then hang on for a memorable bout. Porgies may not leap out of the water like Charlie's blues, but they dart about with extraordinary power, considering their small size. The nice thing, too, is that a hooked porgy seldom breaks free, despite its frantic efforts.

Although the big run of big porgies takes place primarily duirng the late summer and fall, when the fish head back to the continental shelf, they can be taken throughout the summer at the places mentioned. Catches may not be as consistent then, but on a hot day their antics are hard to beat.

If you don't believe me, ask Charlie the bluefish chaser. His only regret is that even the humpbacks don't grow to the size of choppers.

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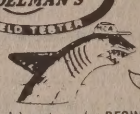

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East End REPORT

with Mrs. Lorry Mangan

Inshore waters came alive with the holiday weekend, with good catches of fluke and weakfish on Sunday. Offshore action is steady with many species of sharks. While giant bluefin seemed to have been scattered by the large fleet due to the tournament, yellowfin and albacore came within reach of Shinnecock boats on the weekend. Big catches of cod at Cox's Ledge on the weekend.

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A variety of fish were admired at the **Montauk Marine Basin** on the weekend including a 425 lb. thresher shark caught on the "Jo-Jan" with Len Rivkin on the rod. Fluke catches were picky until Sunday morning, when Dave Kenny discovered that they had come in overnight. Drifting off Montauk Point, Dave put 25 keepers aboard the "Joint Venture" in an hour's fishing time. Feeding birds caught the attention of Captain John DeMaio, who discovered a school of weakfish. Twenty-three weaks were caught, averaging 8 lbs., some of 12. Captain Gene Kelly of the charter boat **Kellyboat** reports excellent bluefishing both around the Point and south of it.

At least two tuna were caught on the charter boat **Dawn** during the week. On Monday, Mike Sauter successfully boated a 540 lb. tuna. On Wednesday his 15 year old son Matthew was the angler on a brute of 672 pounds.

Anglers on rental boats from **Uihlein's Boat Rentals** cashed in on the beginning of the fluke run on Sunday, returning with many fluke and reporting a keeper ratio of three caught for each kept. Best action for the rental fleet was at Shagwong and False Point. Henry has a good supply of fluke bait, including giant sand eels and spearing. Call ahead to reserve a boat when planning a trip to Montauk.

Dana Aaronson claims everyone is happy with the offshore action, with the "Abracadabra" enjoyed two days of action with blue sharks. Anglers on the **Orion** trolled bluefish in the mornings, enjoyed blue sharks, then trolled up four albacore tuna on Sunday. Inshore the arrival of the fluke was the talk of the dock, with the **Lazybones** returning with over 100 on Sunday morning's trip. Kenny Bauss returned Sunday with a load of bluefish; Rich Edsel located 10 stripers, a few of them keepers on the "Break-

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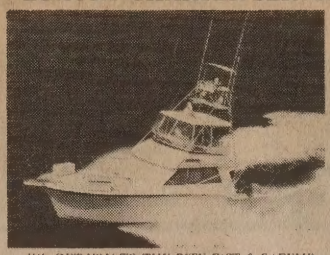

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Paul Waller of Cedarhurst, along with his friends, fought 10 blue sharks on Sunday's charter on the **Gusto**. Captain Weiss fished the 40 fathom area, reported that the sharks were exceptionally large, some between 250 and 300 pounds. A small mako managed to get through the blues as well. Captain Weiss expects good catches of tuna in the next week or so.

A tremendous fleet of boats, many entered in the U.S. Atlantic Tuna Tournament, trolled among school of whales on Wednesday and Thursday, with several hook-ups, a few caught. This reporter, fishing on the **East Wind II**, (**Pronto Charters**) with Captains Paul Lahullier and Ed Sakowicz, Glenn Lahullier and Lou Reale gave it a try, trolling daisy chains. While we had no takers on tuna, we were treated to a display of whales feeding on tremendous amounts of bait. On Wednesday, a giant of 596 lbs. was caught on the **East Wind II** on a trolled daisy chain.

Early last week, boats which fished overnight at the Atlantis canyon discovered loads of tuna. The ''Bronco Explorer'' returned with 51 yellowfin in the 20 to 40 lb. range, along with 6 bigeye, three of which weighed 200 to 240 lbs., the others over 125 pounds.

Saturday's trip on the **Lori Jay** which was supposed to be for school tuna, ended up in a back-breaking four hour struggle with a giant tuna which got away to grow even larger. Jim Grubb, Dough Mac Vittie, Dave Rigano, Jay Dalhgren, Capt. Jay Rigano and I were letting out our trolling lures, when the big fish hit a green machine, a few feet behind the boat. The hook pulled after four hours, so we'll never know how large it was, but the giant's last run was as strong as its first. Excepts of this battle will be seen on L.I. Fishing during the summer. (Channel 55-UHF and most cable stations.)

Captain Joe McBride of the charter boat **My Mate** encountered blue sharks on his offshore trips, with at least a half dozen hook-ups per trip. Last Monday's trip with a group from Kings Park Hospitl, however, fought 20 blue sharks weighing to 200 lbs. All were tagged and released. On the weekend, a three day charter with Ken Bonner and his group fought blue sharks to 220 lbs. Captain McBride reported the arrival of school tuna on Sunday, in 68 degree water off Block Island, albacore at the 40 fathom line south of the Point. Bluefishing is excellent with plenty of action at the Point, larger blues at Cartwright.

Captain's Cove Marina is the weigh station for this weekend's MCA Charity Shark Tournament. Anglers can sign up at the Captain's meeting Friday night. Proceeds of this tournament will provide scholarships for two local students, and also aid the Cancer Society and American Heart Fund. Boats must be 24 feet minimum to enter.

''Best cod fishing in three years!'' said Captain Steve Forsberg, with loads of cod at Cox's Ledge. High hook on Friday's trip was 24; 27 on Saturday; 25 Sunday. More hangers (fish over 25 lbs.) each day on the **Viking Star** with Saturday's pool fish hitting the 41 lb. mark on the scale. Cod trips are scheduled daily at 4AM. The **Starlite** enjoyed fine fluking on Sunday, since the fluke seemed to move in in great numbers overnight. Most fish are in the 3 lb. range, with the pool about 5 lbs. **Starship** is concentrating on night blues, sailing every night at 7PM, enjoying good catches.

A giant tuna which weighed 545 lbs. was caught on the charter boat **Mary A** last Monday with the Limatone brothers. Although a hook-up was made on Thursday's trip, the fish threw the hook after a 20 minute battle. On Sunday, the Staddler group found blue sharks southeast of the Point, fighting four in a 2-hour time period; the largest weighing 273 lbs.

At **Captain's Cove Marina**, Joan stated that fishing was very good, both inshore and offshore, with tuna and shark excellent; fluke, blues and bass in, and weaks showing on the weekend. Catches reported at the marina include a 606 lb. bluefin tuna and 337 lb. mako for the 'Hurry Up''; giant tuna of 663 and 596 lbs. during the week on ''Transition''; a dusky shark estimated at over 550 lbs. on ''Pices''; mako and blue shark on the **Ebbtide**; blues, bass and a couple of weakfish on the ''Marie III''; fluke were brought in on Sunday on both the ''Friendship'' and ''Retainer''; Gary Frisone, visiting from Florida, handled a 141 lb. thresher shark on ''Prowler.'' Anglers on the 'Misstress Too' encountered many blue sharks, some brown sharks during the week. Early week action on ''Joy-Sea'' included small makos and a bluefin of 225 lbs.; blue shark and four albacore to 40 lbs. on Sunday.

The open boat **Lazybones** reported the best fluke action of the season on Sunday, with over 100 keepers on both the morning and the afternoon trips. While most keepers averaged 2 to 3 lbs., pool winners hit the 5 lb. mark. The **Lazybones** is making two trips a day, fishing the ''easternmost rips at the Point'' and the ''Boneyard.''

Great action with blue sharks the past two weeks on the charter boat **Alyssa Ann**, reports Captain Bill Ricca. A recent trip with Bill Constantine and his friends fought 7 blue sharks and encountered a mako, estimated at over 350 lbs. which hit a ba

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bait, jumped 50 feet from the boat four times before pulling the hook. A group of N.Y. City policemen, and a charter led by Ivan Board also enjoyed their fill of shark fighting. On the weekend, Walter Damarew returned to Ellenville, NY arm wear from sharking.

Fluke, blues, cod and tuna were seen at **Gone Fishing Marina** on the weekend, according to T.J. Fluke, catches picked up dramatically both at Montauk's North Rips and at the rip at the Ruins, with Ron Krum returning with fluke, some 4 and 6 lbs., fishing locally, and others reporting many keepers at Gardiners. Lots of action with small bluefish at the Point. Great cod fishing at Cox's Ledge with Phil and Earl returning with 72 cod, top weight 15 lbs., on "Compromise." The group reported releasing at least 50 small cod. The marina based boat "My Lady" also returned with a cooler full of cod, same size. On a canyon trip, Capt. Paul Giangreco returned with 6 yellowfin tuna to 75 lbs. and an albacore on the **Fisherman II**, the "Hot Tuna" with yellowfins to 45 lbs. and 4 albacore. A giant bluefin, weighing 550 lbs., was landed on the "Kim" by Ronnie Lepper on Friday.

Captain Phil Lewis, with Jim LoPresti on the rod, fought a giant tuna, estimated at 600 lbs. for about two hours, before the hook pulled on Monday's charter on the **Adios**. While sharking was slow during the week, action picked up on the weekend at Cox's Ledge, with blue sharks to 290 lbs. on Saturday, to 150 lbs. on Sunday with continuous action for Brian Benny and his group both days.

Edelman's Lou Rosado with Nick Matzkiw and Billy Strenise located tons of bluefish at various spots off Block Island fishing on the "Sea Whimp." However, one spot held cod and after fishing only a couple of hours, yielded 22 cod, top weight 20 lbs. It must be noted that these were green cod, not typical red Block Island cod.

Edelman's Field Tester pool for the largest fish caught on Saturday by a field tester was won by a 290 lb. blue shark caught on the **Adios**. A fish-off by those catching the three biggest and three smallest fishing will be held in September. The contest continues through August.

SOUTH FORK

Captain Clark Bellows reported catching about 100 fluke on both Tuesday and Wednesday's fluke trips on the **Wilhelric II**, with 35 and 55 keepers respectively. While a doormat was lost by an inexperienced angler, pool fish each day was in the 5 lb. range. A large school of fluke moved in over the weekend, forecasting good catches ahead. Captain Artie Lach had a good shot of porgies on the weekend. With a full moon this weekend, porgies should settle down

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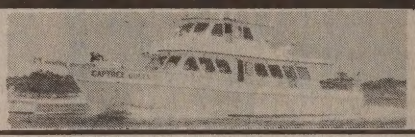

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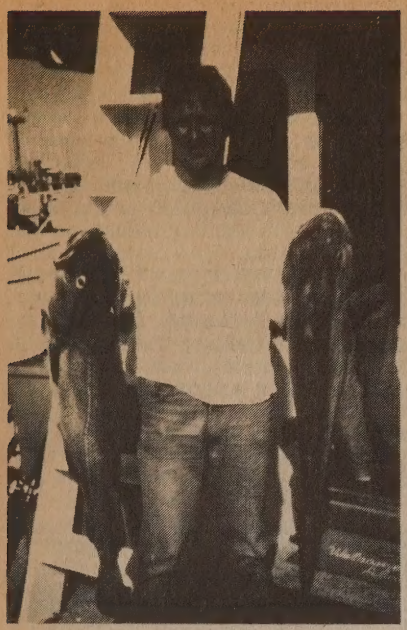
George Pharoah reports catches of porgies on rental craft from **Bayview Marine and Tackle**, with one group returning with 30. Bluefish were red hot on Thursday at Jessup with an angler reporting fantastic fishing from 8AM to 1PM with blues hitting jigs. On the weekend, however, blues were hard to find. Fluking was constant at Cedar Point, with anglers using squid and sand eel combo baits. Larger fluke (to 3½ lbs.) were brought in from the Gardiner's area.

Phil Gay sailed the "Blue Runner" to 35 fathoms where he found two yellowfin tuna weighing 60 and 80 lbs. Thom Speckenbach of **Speck's Bait and Tackle** heard of a catch of 25 fluke made by Dennis Conner. Dennis fished the East Channel at Shinnecock for his catch. Local bluefish action is hot and cold, with Sunday a "cold" day, accoring to Thom, however, best bluefish catches are coming from the East with Plum Gut worth a try, since bass have been taken along with blues here. Lots of fluke action in Shinnecock Canal, but mostly shorts.

Captain Ron Woodward caught a load of bluefish on Friday's trip on the charter boat **Goshawk**. Saturday's family fluke trip with Susan and Jennifer and friends Kevin and Ruth McLoon resulted in 10 in the cooler, with 30 caught.

Boats berthed at **Sherry & Joe Coor's Best Boatworks** took Sunday



Wayne Smith with a couple of cod to 30 lbs. taken May 16th aboard the Montauk charter boat, "King Wayne."

off, but brought back a variety of fish on Saturday. Jim squires fished only a couple of hours, returning with a 20 lb. albacore and a 35 lb. yellowfin on the "Jobo." Sherry corr and Jack Petrick released a 15 lb. mako which took a bait on the "Lucky U-5." Myron Levine with his sons Joshua and Noah located a half dozen nice fluke fishing Shinnecock Inlet. Eight tuna, yellowfin and albacore hit lures trolled by "Queen of Hearts."

Speaking for **Altenkirch and Son**, Rick reported catches of yellowfin and albacore by boats such as the "Wanderer" owned by Frank Dianna. Water temperatures of 68 degrees was the key factor. Anglers connected with trolled green machines or rigged ballyhoo for tuna averaging 60 lbs., with a few hitting the 150 mark. Action took place in depths of 180 feet out. Inshore, loads of 2 and 3 lb. blues are in the inlet and throughout the bay, with dusk or incoming water the time to fish. Bass, including a 25 lber. by Rick Nale, favored bucktails on the weekend. Anglers who work at it can get a keeper a night, along with very big blues in Shinnecock Inlet. An occasional weakfish has been caught. Fuke are hitting best on incoming tide at the East Channel and in the Inlet with a three to one ratio on keepers. Plenty of small fluke in the Canal, with a good shot of small blues daily just as the locks open or close.

Tom Wasilewicza hooked up with 10 blues Friday with action starting an hour before the gates closed at the canal. Blues were all in the 1 to 3 lb. range. Tom has good results on **Al Feather Jigs.**

Uncle Rock at **Mariners Cove Marina** saw a good catch of fluke made by Phil Sztorc on Friday. Phil fished near the Ponquogue Bridge

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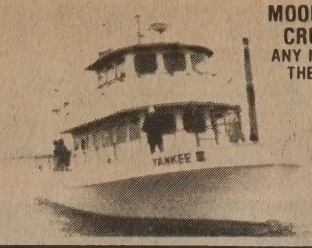

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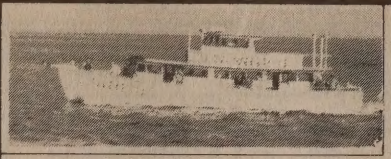

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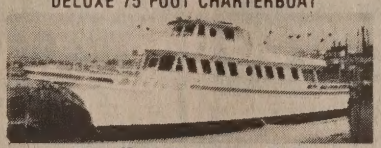

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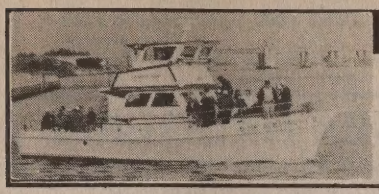

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using squid/spearing combo bait and reported that all his two dozen fluke were caught on incoming tide. Flounder are fading out of the picture, but diehards might want to try deep holes near the Ponquogue Bridge. A catch of 3 yellowfin tuna, weighing from 45 to 60 lbs., was made by Mr. Peritore on trolled green machines in 200 feet of water southeast of the inlet.

Captain Gene Holland discovered 70 degree water on an overnight trip to the Fishtails on the charter boat **Scoundrel** on the weekend. A total of 9 yellowfin tuna, most 50 lbs. in weight, with 4 longfin albacore to 40 lbs. were caugh. Largest fish of the trip, however, was a fine 123 lb. yellowfin handled by 15 year old Steven Cullillo of Brentwood.

South Shore REPORT
with Fred Golofaro

While fishing activity in the bays continued to revolve primarily around fluke, the offshore picture brightened considerably as tuna moved within striking distance. A fair number of mako sharks were also taken on the weekend despite limited effort on Saturday due to a rough ocean. Sunday however, was made to order for running offshore. At the docks, lots of blue claw crabs being reported and very small snappers being taken.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

Dave Varone of the private boat 'Day One' relayed word that there has been some good fluking in the bay near buoys 29 and 30. Dave figured one out of four of the fish is a keeper. He also knew of good action with bass and blues at the Inlet on live bait. Most fish are being taken on drifted eels and bunker.

Over at **L&M Marine Fishing Station** in **East Moriches**, Phil Sepulveda spoke of lots of fluke but also lots of shorts. He called a ratio of shorts to keepers in the neighborhood of 4:1. Despite the large number of shorts, some boats have returned with catches of 20 to 30 keepers. For those still interested in flounder, the deep water south of buoy 36 continues to produce some pretty decent catches of winter flatties. Bluefish are at the inlet in good numbers with private boatmen doing well on trolled umbrella rigs. Phil reminded again that the station has expanded its fleet this season with the addition of 21' Steigercrafts in both cuddy and center con-

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Gary Grunseich at **Silly Lily Fishing Station** in **East Moriches** agreed with Phil on the current ratio of shorts to keepers. He said that most boats return with 10 to 20 keepers up to 3 pounds. Most of his boats have been working buoys 39 to 42, the West Cut and the Elbow on both tides. Flounder fishing remains very good between buoys 29 and 39 in deep water. Incoming tide has produced best on the winter flatties. On Thursday, 3 anglers returned with 97 flounder. The catch included 20 fish between 2 and 3 pounds. Action on the weekend was off probably due to excessive boat traffic according to Gary. Very good crabbing in the cove and big bass and lots of small blues at the Inlet.

Capt. Tom Cashman of the **Moriches** based charter boat **Rogue** put Dennis DeLisser on a small mako on Friday. With Saturday's rough ocean, the Tom McWilliams party settled for trolling just outside the inlet where they put away a bunch of 5-6 pound blues. On Sunday, Tom reported seeing lots of yellowfin tuna on the surface amongst the whales. The fish were not very cooperative however with just one or two managed by the handful of boats working the area. Tom was southeast of Moriches Inlet at the 600 line.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

From **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue**, Dennis Scognamillo said that a few fluke have been taken on killies on the Blue Point Dock. Very small snappers are on the local docks and customers are reporting very good crabbing from all the local creeks and canals. Customers working Moriches Inlet have been reporting big blues and bass on live bunker and eels. Bill Schiavo fished the inlet Thursday and Friday and had bass to 20 pounds along with some big bluefish. Moriches has also been producing some nice fluke catches in the West Cut but there are lots of shorts mixed in. The Great South Bay/Fire Island Inlet fluke picture has been inundated with short fluke. Here and there a decent fish was mixed in.

One of the better fluke catches in the Fire Island area was reported by Dave Canale at **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale**. On Wednesday, Carolyn Verneer, her dad Bill and neighbor Bob caught 35 fluke on their boat 'Our Dream'. Eleven of the fish were keepers including one that checked in at 5 pounds. This was an exceptional keeper ratio, as many other anglers are reporting as many as 10 shorts to each keeper. On the weekend, Mike, Dean and Chris Raio had several keeper fluke near the Lighthouse including one of 5 pounds 14 ounces. Near Ocean Beach, quite a few one to three pound bluefish grabbing fluke baits. A lot of blue claw crabs being taken in the Connetquot and its canals. A lot of snappers around as well but they are still too small for keeping.

From **Islander Canvas Bait and Tackle** in **East Islip**, John Albanese reported a catch of 5 blue sharks to 100 pounds near the Virginia for Pat Albanese on Wednesday. John had a hand in a catch of 40 fluke on Sunday. Seven of those were keepers. Crabbing has been pretty good at the local docks with one customer checking in a catch of 2 dozen on Friday.

Jim Romano at **Peppy's Bait and Tackle** in **East Islip** said that short fluke dominate the action with the best keeper ratio in the neighborhood of 4 or 5 to 1. At the other extreme, one customer could not find a keeper among the more than 20 fluke he landed on the weekend. Sharon Howard was surprised by a 15½ pound bluefish while drifting a spearing in Dickerson Channel on Sunday. Blues of mixed sizes have been camped southeast of the Inlet in 50 to 60 feet of water. On Sunday, Bob Silvestri reported a small mako aboard the family boat 'Dad's Last Dime'. He also told of dropping a 200 pounder at the boat. The action was in 150 feet of water southeast of the inlet. Snappers are around but really small. There is good crabbing for

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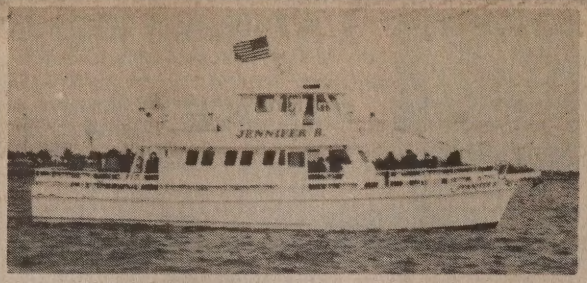

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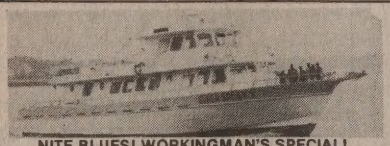

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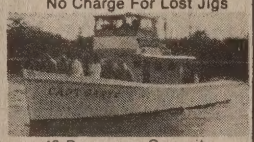

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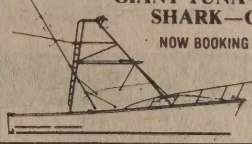

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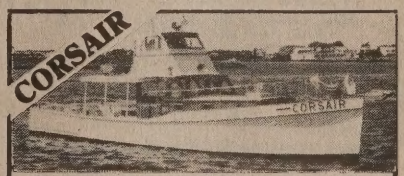

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"Lots of fluke but lots and lots of small ones" according to Carl Miller of **Smokey's Tackle Shop** in **Bay Shore**. Shorts continue to dominate the action from the inlet east to Ocean Beach. There was some action with 5-6 pound bluefish in Dickerson Channel on Friday. Carl reported several customers took the fish on popping plugs. A few big bass continue to be livelined at the inlet while clam chummers continue to do a fair job on husky school bass at the R.M. Bridge. The private boat 'Empty Pockets' used a Smokey's umbrella rig to put away 21 blues from 6 to 9 pounds and a lone bonito trolling in 80 feet of water south of the Lighthouse on Sunday. Some bigger fluke reported picked along the northern edge of the Fire Island Ocean Reef. A couple of bigeye and yellowfin tuna trolled on the east wall of the Hudson Canyon and some makos reported from the east side of the Compass Rose.

Capt. Neil Delanoy of the **Bay Shore** open boat **Laura Lee** said that fluke action continues good with loads of shorts and 50 to 100 keepers on most days. Weekend action was

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off a bit with 30 to 60 keepers each day due to heavy traffic and ebb tide conditions. On Wednesday, Charlie Poppa put away 8 keepers. Hy Brown had 7 keepers on Thursday's trip. Neil has found his best action near Sexton Island.

The first giant tuna to come through Fire Island Inlet was reported by Frank and Dick's Fishing Station in the State Channel by Dickie Schmidt. The 355 pounder was taken on Sunday by Mark Shoppman aboard Dan Aaronson's 'Prime Cut'. The big horse mackerel grabbed a mackerel and squid combo being fished on a 30 pound class rod. Mark spent 2 hours on the fish which was taken while sharking over the Linda wreck. Dickie added that there are lots of yellowfin tuna reported on the surface 5 miles north of the Texas Tower. Unfortunately, most were of the non-biting variety.

Noel Kappauf at **Captree Bait and Tackle** reported lots of fluke with many shorts and some nice fish mixed in. Irene Silverman weighed a 5.6 pounder taken aboard the Speedy VIII on Sunday. Kim Maitland decked a 4.4 pounder aboard the Capt. Joseph II, also on Sunday. Noel knew that ocean bluefishing had been very good all week. Casters working from Fisherman's Walk, the Overlook Pier and the sandbar at the north end of the R.M. Bridge doing a fair job on the fluke, but here again, shorts dominate.

Capt. Speedy Hubert of the **Captree** open boat **Speedy VIII** reported excellent bluefishing on night trips with the exception of Sunday. Fishing was being done at the Patchogue Grounds and the boat has been returning on these ¾-night trips by 1AM. Speedy added that they will begin day bluefishing on Saturday, July 11th.

Fisherman Field Editor John Raguso, who last week christened his new Grady White, MarCeeJay last Sunday with a 309 pound mako on its maiden voyage, continued with a hot hand this weekend. Last week's fish took the top spot in the Babylon Tuna Club's Annual Shark Contest with Bill Martin on the rod. This past Sunday, John reported running across giant tuna chasing bluefish on the surface in 120 feet of water south of the inlet. He was also generous enough to pass along these numbers: 26621.4 and 43682.6. He continued on in quest of sharks. He and his crew put away a 60 pound mako but also dropped a pair of 200-plus pound makos as well as a big thresher. John finished out his report by reporting that several boats did a fair job trolling yellowfin tuna approximately 10 miles south of the HA Buoy. Fish were taken on Green Machines, 'Lil Smokers and birds. Numbers for this action were 26550 and 43350.

Capt. Ralph Green of the open boat **Miss Babylon** reported large numbers of fluke in the State Channel and the inlet area. Unfortunately most are under the 14 inch minimum. Friday did see a 4½ pound fluke take the

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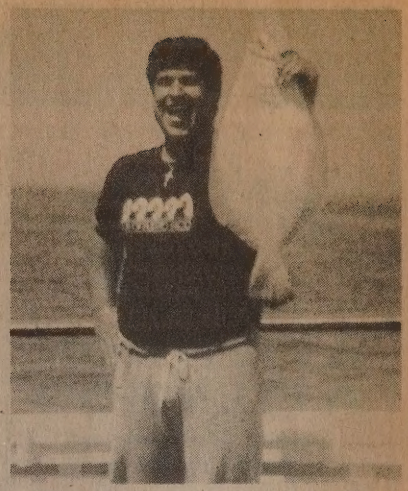

Mike Kennedy and a 4.11 lb. fluke caught June 10th on the Bay Shore open boat, "Laura Lee."

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From **Augie's Tackle Shop** in **Babylon**, John Gattuso reported the first white marlin to come through Fire Island. Schuylar Watts ran his 'My Mary' to the Canyon on Sunday and returned with the marlin along with a longfin albacore. Also on Sunday, Dick Orlandi ran southeast of the inlet on his 'Three Sons' and found a 130 pound mako. Lots of blues were reported in 50 feet of water southeast of the inlet on Sunday. They were being trolled, chummed and jigged. Inside the bay, Mike Townsend put a 4¾ pound fluke into the cockpit of his Blarney. Lots of crabs and very small snappers at the village dock.

Capt. Phil of the **Babylon** charter and open boat **Pooka VI** said that he continues to work on flounder at the Sore Thumb on Wednesdays' open boat trip; Joe Long had 18 flatties, while Tony Eser had 16. Phil sails open Wednesdays but will be sailing a special open boat trip this Saturday and Sunday, July 11 and 12 due to charter cancellations. He will be fishing bluefish both days and leaving the dock at 6:30 AM.

Penny Schaefer at **Charlie's Bait and Tackle** in **Lindenhurst** reported that Tom and Pat Travolino trolled umbrella rigs at the inlet early in the week and put away 6 bass to 22 pounds and 20 blues to 8 pounds. On Tuesday, 11 year old Vanessa Chaves had a 10 pound striper grab a strip of sea robin belly in the State Channel near the Amity Cut. Irene Engelbach came out on top in her tug of war with a 12.12 pound blackfish. Irene found the huge tog near the Lighthouse and took it on a green crab bait on Saturday. Joe Condia used squid and spearing combos to find 6 keeper fluke up to 5 pounds at the inlet. Maria Gaylardo landed 5 blues from 5 to 6 pounds trolling in 65 feet of water south of the inlet on Sunday. Plenty of small snappers and good sized crabs at the local docks.

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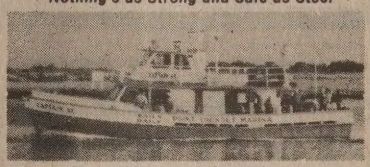

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Speaking from **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in **Amity Harbor**, Bob Rose labeled the flounder action at the Sore Thumb decent on the weekend. Lots of fluke though most are shorts with an occasional nice fish being taken in the vicinity of the Lighthouse. Blues are settled on the Patchogue Grounds and small snappers and sand porgies entertaining young and old at Tanner Park. Crabbing has been good locally.

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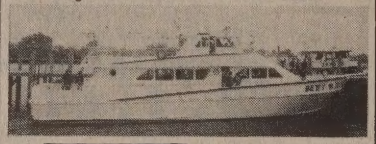

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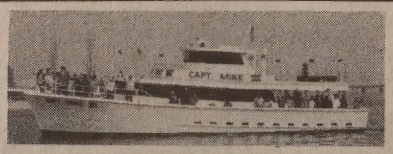

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mingdale reported that Barry Black put a 125 pound bluefin into the box in sloppy seas on Saturday. The fish was trolled near the Virginia aboard Barry's 'Blackjack'. Bill Biscardi landed 3 duskys and dropped a small mako aboard 'High Hook' on Sunday. Frank reported that the waters southeast of the inlet at 120' were loaded with big blues in recent days. A final reminder that the Edelman's Open Fishing Tournament is scheduled for this weekend. You can register through Friday at the store. The Captain's Meeting is at the Farmingdale store, Thursday, 8PM.

West End REPORT

with Stu Miller

Fishing has remained somewhat steady in this area. Flounder seem to have dropped off in numbers, but sizes of flatties taken have remained very good. Keeper ratios on inside fluke have been roughly 10 to 15 percent with tons of throwbacks. Still a lot of stripers inside, mostly illegals. Some sea bass and blackfish starting t to show at the bridges. Offshore bluefishing remains good to very good day and night, with some bonito mixed in. Shark catches have shown a nice improvement with makos and duskies making their presence known. Weakfishing remains mostly a promise. A giant skate and three sharks taken in inside creeks.

WEST END BAYS/ JONES INLET

Wanser's Tackle in Seaford says fair numbers of keeper fluke and plenty of throwbacks at Squaw, the drawbridge, Goose Creek, Black Banks and 4 Corners on killies and sand eels. Floundering remains good in the deep holes at the bridges, CG Station and in Zachs Bay. Small snappers showing now as are a few bccs in the canals. Lots of striped bass at the bridges and in the state channel on plugs, also in the back bay and at the inlet. A few weakfish off Ocean Beach and in Fl Inlet on worms and chunks and lots of mako action in the Virginia Wreck area.

At **Old Harbour Marina Fishing Station**, rentals have been getting about a 10 percent keeper ratio on fluke and lots of throwbacks. Flounder were a struggle in most areas, though a 3 lb. 2 oz. flattie was caught in the State Channel at Zachs Bay on a private boat. BCCs starting at the town dock and lots of calicos. Snappers starting to show, but small.

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We hear from Mike at **Causeway Tackle** in Wantagh that fishing at the 3rd Wantagh, Bob Mannino bagged a 35 lb. striper on live bunker one night during the week. He was back the following night and to his great surprise, while fishing live bunker in a large school in the same area wrapped up the night with 2 brown shark up to 50 lbs. and a 75 lb. hammerhead. Fluking seemed to take a slight slide as far as keepers went this week. Most of the keepers were taken at the Squaw Island flats, Massapequa flats and Middle Bay flats on either side of the high on spearing. A 6½ lb. fluke was hoisted by a customer by the name of Lou working the state channel off Gilgo. There was about a 10 percent keeper ratio on fluke. Fair floundering this week was had on the SE side of the Big M and in the state channel at the piers and in Haunts Creek, fish to 3 lbs. Heavy chumming has been necessary and good catches were a struggle. A few sea bass and blacks at the bridges. One customer drifting a local wreck bagged 20 sea bass to 4 lbs. and a 5 lb. fluke. Blues inside have slowed, but those still being caught in the channels on outgoing on live bait have been in the 5 to 6 lb. range.

Merrick Tackle tells of the start of snappers in the bays with the first critters naturally very small. Fluking in the Freeport and Merrick area saw just a fair number of keepers along with lots of throwbacks.

From **Garan's Tackle** in Merrick we learn of some sporadically good bluefish action at Cholera. Roughly a 30 percent keeper ratio of fluke for their customers working Swift Creek. Another customer had two 33 inch keeper bass fishing Swift on clam bellies and clam as hook bait. A few BCCs and snappers starting to show.

Over in Freeport Skipper Mike Danon of the **Captain Lou Fleet** tells us that on the **CL VI** the all day fluke trips have seen lots of fish caught but with a very high number of midgets. However, there have been enough keepers to keep things interesting. He fluked in the ocean off Riis Park Sunday finding a much better keeper ratio and weather permitting, will continue to fluke on the outside to afford better catches. The half day boat is staying with flounder and did from very good to excellent this week, with high hooks in the 20s on all local fish, up to 3 lbs.

The **Blue Fin Fleet** found the bluefishing this week 'okay'' but consistent, jigging fish daytime 4 to 10 lbs. from the NB buoy to Ambrose. A fair number of keeper fluke were bagged this week in Haunts Creek and in the Merrick area, but lots of shorts.

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Congratulation to skipper Tony DiLernia and wife on Sunday's christening of their daughter JoAnn Allison DiLernia.

A call from Capt. Pat of the **Lady J Fleet** advised that the fluking this past week slowed somewhat inside, but picked up in the ocean with the right drifting conditions off Riis Park. These fish were better sized and there were some sea bass mixed in also. Lots of small fluke in the bay. The bluefish charters worked various sized schools both locally and off the Jersey beaches. Trips this week were sailed for: Capri Kitchens, Bill Seto group, Tap-A-Keg Fishing Club, Tom Desmond group, Anthony Perico group, Twin Oaks Day Camp, Paul Petro party, American Cable Prod., Grand Pacific Finance, Manny Diaz group.

Tony of the **Miss Freeport II** called to say that his flounder trips remain good with catches into the 20s. The night blue trips have been consistent on 4 to 8 lbers., fishing SSW of Cholera. Please see ad for new daytime fluking schedule.

Captain Richie Kessinger's **Starstream II** has been having consistently good, working from buoy 4 to the Rockaways on Sunday on jigs. Night action has been fair to excellent on bait and chum at 17 and Farms.Fish have been ranging from 3 to 8 lbers. with an occasional whopper. Rich said there have been no bad trips this week.

From the **Freeport Boatmen's Association** comes word that the **Super Spray II** has been bagging plenty of fluke with enough keepers to keep customers coming back. Pools have been running in the 4 to 5 lb. range every day. Bluefishing has been good close in at Cholera, 17 and off the local beaches, on jigs, umbrellas or bait. Lots of duskies and makos in the area of the Yankee wreck, SE and north corners of the compass rose and at the canyon. Ocean bottom has been yielding very good catches of mixed sea bass, blacks and porgies.

Sailing from Pt. Lookout, the **Miss Point Lookout** called Saturday a very tough day of fluking. Despite this Ben Hefter took a 3½ lber. while Allen Rolleli managed a 3¾ lber. Sunday regular Frank Alituli nailed a 4½ lb. fluke and Mrs. Galbraith hoisted a 3½ lb. fluke. A new body of fish seems to have entered the inlet. Night bluefishing has been very good every night except Saturday. Thursday and Friday catches ranged from 400 to 500 fish, 4 to 12 lbers. with most being big gaffers. High hooks have been in the 40s each night on bait at 17 Fathoms and west of Cholera. Tuesday night Adam Charles of Uniondale had 30, Jim Nealer of Brooklyn 24, Rich Pastovelli and Frank Benaduci, 48, Jim Collins of East Meadow, 11, Mike McMahon, Bronx 18, Randy Dixon, Far Rockaway, 17.

On the two trip a day **Night Hawk**, the skipper said the week saw about 3,000 total fluke caught with a 15 to 30 percent keeper ratio depending on the day and area. Joan Rodziewicz bagged a 4 lber., while Hank Hoffman had 8 keepers. Saturday's pool went to Bill Kierney with a 5½ lb. fluke. Sunday AM 6 year old Jim Windwood had 9 total fish with two keepers. Ray Remo had 4 keepers and Dan Roth had a 5½ lber. Eleven year old Bill Gallo had a 4¾ lb. money fish.

Aboard the charter boat **Marie III** Wednesday's trip had good fluking from the marina to the ABB. Ralph Fassano took a 4½ lber., Chris Piston a 4 lber.; while Joe was high hook with 12 keepers. The skipper said he still has some choice night blues and moonlight cruise dates available.

Skipper Al Lindroth of the **captain Al** has now expanded his bluefishing to include Friday and Saturday nights at 7PM. Al called Sunday's bluefishing excellent working from Long Beach to East Rockaway just 45 minutes from the dock. Fares averaged 30 to 40 blues a man. Brian O'Rourke had 32 , Ralph Martinez, 35, D. Jones of Levittown 40. Action was consistent all day long on 4 to 10 lbers. Fishing close and excellent. Wednesday was another great day at the NB, as was Friday even in the fog. Thursday was the only bad day, hampered by wind and rain.

Marilyn at **Ed's Fishing Station** said the fluking continued in Reynolds with some taken this week also in the flats, with the keeper ratio a little better this weekend. Good flounder catches in the Big M area and in Swift, with the deeper holes best. Blues Saturday trolled at the J2 buoy on umbrellas and bass at the bridges on clam chum and clam bait.

Charlie at **Beckmann's Tackle** in Lynbrook tells of Monday's catch for John Pintauro fishing the Breezy Point inlet bagging 13 and 18 lb. bluefish on chunks. Plenty of fluke and plenty of midgets, said the tackle dealer. Snappers starting in the Cedarhurst and East Rockaway areas. Flounder still okay though a little slower than before, but sizes very good.

Captain Ronnie Lepper of the charter boat **Kim** normally out of Atlantic Beach, but for the month presently out of Montauk, had 3 giant

tuna hook-ups in 3 days, one of them being a 570 lber. for Maurice Ottolia.

A call from Fred **Cast-A-Way Bait and Tackle** in Franklin Square called with the red hot news of a 200 skate caught by Tom DiMauro Wednesday in Haunts Creek on a live bunker. It took two solid hours to bring this critter to gaff. It was 10 feet long from nose to tail with a 56 inch wing span and 75 inch tail length. A bunch of regulars from the store chartered the **Jennifer B** Monday night and they chummed striped bass at the ABB and in poor conditions chummed up 10 fish all undersized. High hook with two was Henry Silva and the largest caught by Bob Verichillo, a 32 incher. All the fish were released and caught on bellies. This is the first time to anyone's knowledge that bass have been chummed aboard a party boat. Anyone interested can call the Jennifer B.

Bob Bauman of the "Pequa Anglers" christened his new boat, 'Bald Eagle' in grand fashion this weekend. Bob put Phil Cook onto a 277 pound mako on Saturday. The big shark was weighed at **Hudson Point Fishing Station** in **Freeport**.

NEW YORK BIGHT

Skippy's Bait and Tackle said this week the best inshore fluking for keepers was Broad Channel. Best fluking outside was at the Tin Can and the red side of Ambrose on sand eel-squid combos. A new school of blues moved into the 60 foot depths, 2 to 4 lbers. Lots of small snappers at Bay Park, also some BCCs. Bass continue to be clam chummed at the ABB with just a few keepers mixed in.

Over in Howard Beach, Artie at **Cross Bay Bait and Tackle** said lots of blues are being taken on chunked and whole bunker at the changes at both bridges. Fluke also being taken from both bridges on any moving water with about half being keepers. Small porgies starting on worms, all tide long. Peter Muss had 16 lb. striper on a chunk fishing the Breezy Pt. Jetty along with an 11 lb. blue also on a chunk. Rocco Lagano bested an 11½ lb. blue using a whole live bunker at Ruffle Bar. Some BCCs starting and a few keeper bass around.

Also out of Howard Beach the charter boat **Jaalee One** had two fluke trips during this past week. On one trip inside the charter averaged 10 keepers a man in the 3 to 4 lbs. range plus loads of shorts. Saturday's trip off Long Branch, NJ for Bob Lyon and family saw the Ryans averaging 12 keepers each to 5 lbs. Sunday's trip to the same area for the Sullivan party saw fluke taken to 6 lbs. On the way back, they jigged 36 lbs. to 8 lbs. off Sandy Hook along with 7 bonito to 6 lbs.

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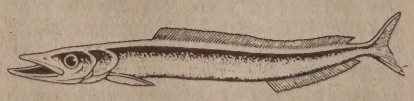

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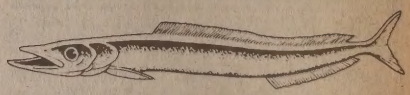

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for the week was 25 keepers with average catches 8 to 15 keepers a man and fishing consistent all week.

To the west in Sheepshead Bay, Captain Fred of the charter boat **Avatar** fished Neil Reintner and 2 pals from Pegasus Advertising group, boating over 20 bass Friday of which 3 were keepers, at 19, 20 and 25 lbs. The other fish were released. This was on bunker in the Sandy Hook area. Saturday's trip for Al Ellman, a dentist, along with 2 dentist buddies, managed over 30 fluke to 5½ lbs. Most fish ran 2 to 3 lbs. with catches being in the channel area.

Aboard the **America Fleet**, an 8 lb. 6 oz. fluke was caught by a lady angler out on her first trip ever. Fishing was very good Friday through Sunday with about 80 percent being keepers, fishing the channels, Tin Cans and the flats on smelt and spearing. Fish have been averaging 4 to 4½ lbs. with catches 2 to 20 fish a man.

Captain Tom of the **Pilot II** says that on some days the blackfishing is excellent on 2 to 4 lbers. Some porgies to 2 lbs. are also being caught. Some days of the week have been featuring sea bass from 1 to 1½ lbs. and a sure fall back in case of emergency is ling. Action has been off the Jersey coast.

Captain Bob of the **Flamingo III** tells of very good bluefishing all week long on mixed fish along with some bonito. Sunday was best, blowing the whistle for home at noon with anglers arm weary and high hook nearing the 100 fish mark. Blues ran 3 to 5 lbs. with a few larger. Lots of fish around, said Bob but hitting in different places each day.

Captain George of the **Pastime II** called the fluking action on the weekend very good at the Tin Can on spearing and strips baits. Amy Garis of New Jersey was happy with her 6½ lb. fluke. Blues have been mixed in on fluke rigs, there's been about an 80 percent keeper ratio with all big keepers and lots of 2 to 3 lb. fish.

The Wee Willie report from **Mike's**

Tackle across from the fleet said the fluking picked up off the Jersey Coast and at Ambrose Channel. On a Bay Charter, deepwater John nailed a 7 lber. Porgies starting with some jumbos to 4½ lbs. taken. Night bluefishing good on day glow jigs in early evening, then smelts and butterfish in the dark. Day bluefishing has been good too on jigs with tails. Small bass on clam being taken inside and released. Snappers and BCCs starting. Big blues and undersized bass off the Rockaways.

North Shore REPORT

with Marty Garrell

There were some windy days, there were some hot days, and there were some beautiful days. The results were good last week, with a return of bluefish action to the Sound plus moderate fluking and a pick of scup.

WESTERN SOUND

John's Gun in **New Rochelle** called the bass fishing "great". John Palmieri himself had several blues plus bass to 15 pounds on chunks during a weeknight trip. One regular had a 25 pounder on a yellow popper. Fluking a week ago, John and some friends had 9 keepers to 3 pounds in a day of work off of Bayville and Hempstead Harbor.

The **Klondike VIII** was now back in the Sound working on blues off Mamaroneck. Sunday's tally was quite good on tailors to 5 pounds with a number of slammers in the 12 pound class thrown in.

Jack's Bait on **City Island** informed us that there were blues in the zones around Execution Light, Harts Island and City Island. Bunker chunkers even had a few gorillas to 17 pounds. A few nice fluke to 3 pounds were reported off Robin's Neck and Orchard Beach. Calls to the **Apache** and **North Star** revealed that it was indeed porgy time. Dom Cerbone of the Apache had some catches of 2 dozen scup by sharpies on Saturday. Fish were somewhat larger than hand-sized with a couple of dozen mediums distributed around the big boat as well. Fishing was off Center Island and Lloyds. Sunday's traffic made the fishing tough with bags dropping by at least half. Fortunately there were some tautog in the catches.

Carl Giangrande of the **Reliable** had a good Saturday on scup off Bayville with a catch of scup, tautog and flounder on Sunday around Bayville, Oyster Bay and Stamford.

John Cacciola at the **Glen Cove Sport Shop** told us that there were blues everywhere with sizes ranging from snappers to slammers. Pryble and Piping Rock had sand porgies and there were a few fluke in the 2 pound clas in local catches as well.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

Bass reports continued to come from George Valentine at **Four Winds** in **Huntington Station**. Rich Schaller had a 19½ pounder while Erik and Robert Zlokovitz put away fish of 16 and 19 pounds on chunks. Fluke fishing broke open off Eatons, the Coast Guard Station, Lloyds and Cold Spring Harbor. Some days shorts were dominant but on others keepers outnumbered throwbacks. Four to 6 keepers was the average on those days and sizes averaged 2½ pounds on spearing/squid baits.

Jerry Cedar at **Huntington Prop** reported a fine catch of tautog, including fish between 5 and 6 pounds, off Huntington Light.

Tom Bowman at **Bowman's** in **Northport** reported plenty of blues to 5 pounds for trollers and diamond merchants off the OB and Eaton's, with a school of slammers and choppers on Thursday night northwest of the Coast Guard Station. This latter school tore up tackle off Sand City that night, too. Drifting across Northport Bay, one regular had a huge 9¼ pound tautog.

John Alberda of **Sound Charters TJ** has a few moon trips left for bass, but he's been jigging for blues on the open trips Monday and Thursday. Reservations are advisable. Most of the blues are five and six pounders, but the bass are often keepers. Harvey and Kevin Holmes had six linesiders over 12 pounds Wednesday and kept two beauties of 20 and 35 pounds caught on chunks.

Candy Caraftis at the **Caraftis Fishing Station** in **Port Jefferson** saw lots of small to medium scup off Oldfield and Crane's Neck. Thursday was best for blues while Saturday was slow. Jim Jackson and Pete Taormino had 9 keeper fluke to 7 pounds off the Pink House, but there were also summer flounder off Crane's and Flack's Pond.

The family fisherman-charter, **Morning Star** out of **Port Jeff Harbor** had two excellent catches of scup on

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Thursday and Friday, according to Anthony Taverna. Dozens of fish in the medium range were mixed with the catch. On Saturday, Taverna took more than a dozen keeper fluke along with a few scup. The **Port Jeff Ace** was enjoying some excellent bottom fishing with per fare catches ranging from a few medium scup up to 3 dozen for the sharpies. Sharon Cash said that night bluefishing during the week had been excellent, too, although it died on the Fourth.

John Bowman at **Ralph's Fishing Station** saw lots of medium scup off Rocky Point and said that fluke fishing off the Pink House was just getting started with a lot of shorts in the catch. The **Complete Angler** had a slow week with some evening catches picking up off Cedar Beach, Mount Sinai. Dick Corcoran at **Warren's Archery and Tackle** in **Selden** said that The Collinses had more than a dozen keeper fluke with Red picking up seven fish to 6 pounds off Flack's Pond and Crane's Neck. Floating sandworms on Friday night, Corcoran had a couple of weakfish to 8 pounds.

Bill at the **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** said that there were still cocktail blues off Wildwood and that there were many nine to twelve inch scup in the area as well. The Shoreham jetty was not a bad bet for keeper fluke, but bass fishing was slow.

NORTH FORK

Phil Loria at **Captain Marty's** in **New Suffolk** said that all boats had a few porgies, up to 10 or so, from the South Race. There were also numbers of small blues scattered in the area. Willie Stamatis at **Warren's** in **Aquebogue** told us that fluke fishing east of Mattituck Inlet had picked up. Although sorts predominated on Friday, it was a half-and-half situation on Saturday, and Charlie Caraftis at the **Mattituck Fishing Station** logged a catch of more than a dozen keepers that included a four pounder. Porgy catches around the inlet seem to run a dozen or so on the last of incoming, but outgoing water has been poor, especially on Sunday.

Ron Petersen at **Mattituck Inlet** said that one of his boats took hermit crab baits down off the motel in 35 feet of water and picked up two huge bulldog blackfish. The tog weighed 10 lbs. 5 oz. and 13 lbs. 5 oz. Bluefish were off and on with a school showing on top late in the week, but gone over the weekend.

At **Pleasures of the Sea**, Ace Cottral suggested trying the deep cut around Hay Beach on slack water for weakfish with lead heads and jelly worms in red, white or amber. Cottral said that there were some blues to 14 lbs. in Plum Gut and Pigeon Rip on the ebb. Also the **Sea Boots** had a good catch of scup off Rocky POint and the East Marion golf course with most fish in the 1 to 1½ lb. range. Pete Izzo, who's been sailing the **Boanne II**

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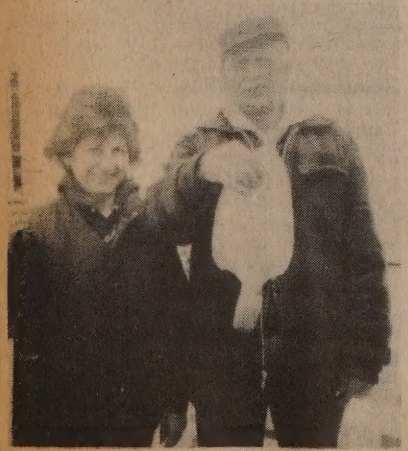

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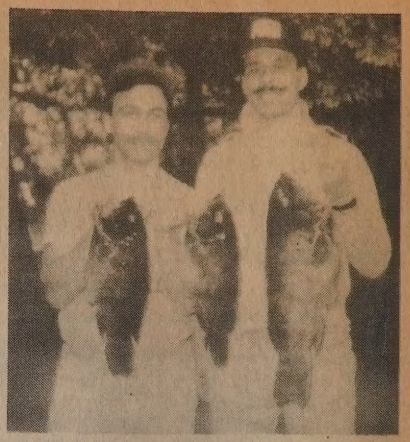

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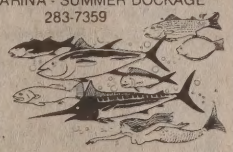

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on 10AM open boat trips from the **Port of Egypt** along with Ed Czelatka said that the fluking has been quite good in the Peconic BAys, too. Late last week, Czelatka had a dozen and a half keepers with one 8 lber. during a split trip. The rest of the time was spent jigging bluefish off Jessup's. The boat had hundreds and hundreds of tailors to 4 lbs. on the last three hours of the flood. Schools were on top as well as down deep. There's so much bait in the bay that Izzo expects the good fishing to continue through the month.

Ruth White was selling a lot of bucktails and pork rind at the **A.P. White Bait Shop** in Greenport, a sure sign that bucktailing has picked up. Porgy fishing had definitely improved and fluke were everywhere, including sthe Gull Pond breakwater. Richie Jensen was out prospecting for his first charters on the full moon with the **Nancy Ann**. Jensen had some very good bass action over the weekend with one 25 lber. and a 33 on ice for taxidermy.

John Rainis has moved up the sailing time of the **Sea Star** from Sterling Harbor to 8AM. Although the weekend was 'picky,'' all fares had fish and there will be favorable tides this week. Practically all fish are keepers with the average size of 15 inches and the pool fish usually pushing 5 lbs.

Dave Brennan felt that the weekend had been a good one for scup on the **Peconic Star**, except for Saturday. On Sunday the boat had a good crowd with hundreds and hundreds of scup in mixed sizes. There are adult sea bass on most days with the pools usually taken by tautog. Larry Porter of the **Brand X** figures that there has been a considerable improvement in the porgy fishing on most days, with some of the deep drops off Gardiner's particularly good for fish in the 1 to 2½ lb. range. Compared with past seasons, Porter feels that there are more tautog and somewhat larger scup.

Surf REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

A fair sprinkling of quality stripers surfaced during our weekly canvas for reports. Also a pick of weakfish developed at Montauk with several nights seeing regulars able to pick one or two tiderunners. On the North Shore, action with mixed sized blues early mornings and evenings seem to be providing the bulk of the activity.

Johnny Kronuch at **Johnny's Tackle Shop** in **Montauk** reported a few weaks being picked each night at Shagwong with Bombers the current favorite in the plug department. A few bass mix with the weaks as well. Most are schoolies but Ken Kassan of the Farragut Striper Club did manage a 39 pound cow on Sunday night. Saturday evening saw a school of very small blues invade Shagwong but the fishing only lasted for about an hour. Joey Bragan worked up front in his wet suit on Sunday night. He totaled 9 bass from 8 to 14 pounds for his efforts. He noted that most of the fish fell for Red Gill droppers. Lots of school bass being taken from among the south side rocks on Needlefish plugs. John summed up the week's action by reporting a few school bass at Ditch Plains and a couple of blues taken at Turtle Cove and on False Bar.

The only surf news relayed by **J&J Tackle** in **Patchogue** this week concerned a bunch of small blues taken Saturday morning at Shinnecock Inlet.

Over at **Islander Canvas** in **East Islip**, John Albanese reported taking a mess of small choppers on 007s on the Inlet side of Robert Moses on Thursday.

Noel Kappauf put a 12.14 pound weak on the scale for Ed Wurglies on Friday. The big tiderunner was taken on a bunker fished from the Jones Beach Fishing Pier. Noel added that an occasional big blue is being picked from the pier as well.

Jimmy Schaefer at **Charlie's Bait and Tackle** in **Lindenhurst** knew of small blues taken inside the inlet by casters working the north side of Robert Moses. He also weighed a 7 pound weak taken by Pete Curdo at Democrat on a green tube and jig combo. Frank Barreiro used a diamond jig to nail an 11.9 pound blue on the ocean side of Robert Moses. Eric Young worked West End II-Jones Beach to the tune of a 22.11 pound striper.

From **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle**, Tom Healy knew of blues and bass to 12 pounds being taken on chunk bait and sandworms between parking field 2 and Democrat Point on the Ocean side of Robert Moses.

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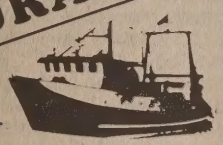
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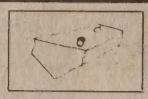
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Tom Heffel weighed a 26 pound striper at **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in **Amity Harbor**. It was taken Friday night.

Striper Surf Club PR man Mike Kaland said that club member Mitch Sarro came through for the third consecutive weekend. Working West End-Jones Beach late Friday into early Saturday, Mitch used plugs to take stripers of 18½ and 22 pounds. He reported that a couple of other casters managed a fish apiece.

Charlie Beckman of **Beckman's Tackle Shop** in **Lynbrook** knew that several of his customers have been picking away at 5 to 6 pound weakfish on bunker chunks and sandworms along the Rockaways and also at Fire Island Inlet.

Up on the North Shore, Stan Hentschel at **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** reported some bluefish action along the Smithtown Bay shore in the early AM and during the evening hours. He has not seen or heard of any weakfish being taken in quite a while. Some school bass being picked locally after dark and lots of school bass being taken along beaches to the east on the North Fork. Stan weighed his largest striper in some time a week ago Saturday. The fish however was imported from Montauk. It checked in at 46 pounds and was taken on a Bomber by hard-fishing Jimmy Paulson.

Gateway Striper Club PR man Joe Augeri reported on the doings of members who treked up to Cape Cod last week. Six club members spent the week working the beaches of Chatham and Nauset. They beached lots of school bass in the 6 to 10 pound range along with plenty of small blues. They also managed a couple of teen bass and one fish of 34 pounds taken by Bill Baribault. Bombers, bottle plugs and Needlefish accounted for the action. Joe made a stop at Point Jude on the way back and discovered some good action with bass into the teens. This area has been hot all season.

Freshwater REPORT

with Tom Schlichter

One of the better known axioms of freshwater fishing is that as July weather begins to swelter, bass and trout fishing slows to a crawl. The July 4th holiday is especially tough because so many anglers try to get out on the water, often causing the fish to become even more reclusive. Based on this week's reports, however, it would seem that local fish populations couldn't care less about the traditional "rules" of freshwater action. Quite a few anglers reported good results and some of the better catches were made on Saturday and Sunday!

At **Beckman's Bait and Tackle, Lynbrook**, Bill Beckman noted that action as usual continues at the local lakes and ponds. To the east, trout fishing has been pretty good in the Nissequogue River. That's where Howard Schoen of Hewlett, used a black wooly bugger to nail rainbow trout of 21 and 17 inches.

From Mike Nicoletti of **Causeway Bait and Tackle, Wantagh**, we hear that local regulars are plugging and worming a fair number of largemouths after dark near the north end of the Mill Pond. Best fish checked in this week was a 4.5 lb. bigmouth taken on a night crawler bait dunked in front of the falls at Massapequa Reservoir.

At **Edelman's Sportsman's Center East, Centereach**, Fred Laager relayed word that one angler stopped by the shop on Sunday and told of very good fishing for trout on the Connetquot River. The angler, who did not leave his name, fished inside the park on Sunday connecting with a 6.6 lb. brown trout and three rainbows in the 3 lb. class. All were taken on a maribou streamer. Fred also mentioned that he had a chance to sample the Peconic River below Forge Pond over the holiday. Unfortunately, all he could manage were a few small bass and pickerel. I can confirm the generally slow action in this location as last Thursday I worked the same stretch with about the same results.

From **Pine Grove Outfitters**, Fred Kruse reports anglers still doing very well with Lake Ronkonkoma's largemouth bass. This week witnessed bass of 6.5 and 5 lbs. placed on the scale. Fred noted that the 5 lber. was still holding roe. If fishing the big lake over the next week or two, it might be a good idea to check each fish you might think of creeling to make sure that it isn't still trying to spawn. If it still has roe or milt, it would be a kind gesture to release it. In general, panfishing has also been very good lately but action with catfish and carp has slowed to a crawl. A 17 inch tiger muskie, the second caught in the last three weeks, was identified and then released unharmed by an angler who did not leave his name.

A call to Caleb Smith State Park put me in touch with Park Manager Mike Venuti, who was quite pleased with the action in his domain over the holiday weekend. According to Mike, the river gave up a generous share of large rainbows with some to 22 inches and 5 lbs. In addition, anglers took a lot of fish in the 2-3 lb. class. Action with the trout has been consistent for the last two weeks or so with the fish taking mostly streamers and nymphs.

At **Peppy's Bait and Tackle, East Islip**, jim Romano spoke of good trout action at Bubble's Falls. On Wednesday, Paul Ripperger used worms to catch 5 trout. Thursday saw Larry Boyer play Rattlesnake Creek to the tune of a 20 inch rainbow. This fish fell for a live killie bait. On Tuesday, Adam Brizzard used a night crawler b bait to dupe and release 9 bass at Brookwood Hale Lake.

One of the few tackle shops to report a slowdown in the trout activity was **J&R Sports Center, Oakdale**, where Dave Canale told us he hadn't seen a big fish all week. This, of course, must be seen in light of the great tidal fishing that occurred over the last two weeks at Rattlesnake Creek and Bubbles Falls. For the moment, fishing seems to be back to "normal" with plenty of trout but few exceeding 1½ lbs. at the above named locations.

Some pretty good bass fishing in local lakes is the word from Paul Graniello of **J&J Bait and Tackle, Patchogue**. Paul Burger moved into the lead for the shop's season long largemouth bass contest when he checked in a 6.8 lb. beauty on Tuesday. Paul also weighed a 3.8 lb. bass which he kept alive in a live well and later released. Both fish were taken on spinnerbaits worked in Lsake Ronkonkoma. Over in Patchogue Lake, Larry Hoffman had 5 bass to 3 lbs. on Saturday. All were taken on plastic worms.

From **Warren's Archery and Fishing, Selden**, Richie reports Eugene Mayers took his first bass this week, a beautiful fish of 4.5 lbs. taken on a plastic worm fished in Artist Lake. Other shop regulars are picking a few bass and pickerel at local lakes, but nothing too impressive.

At the **Fisherman's Deli, Riverhead**, Mrs. Devlin reports that the fishing has changed little since last week. Most anglers are taking a few small bass and a fair share of sunfish. One woman weighed in a 2.25 lb. pickerel taken on a jellyworm. Large fish have been noticeable only by their absence.

From his perch at the foot of Hunter Mountain, Ken Josephson of **Crazy Chief Ski and Sport**, informs us that this week's rains have raised the level of the Schoharie River and trout activity. On Saturday, Albert Seemayer nailed his second 17 inch brown of the season. This trout was taken on a worm as have been almost all the largest fish checked into the shop so far this season.

High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables: To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion table. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: Shinnecock Inlet . . . −0 50 is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." −0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THURS.	6:50	7:15	7:25	7:55	7:20	7:45	8:20	8:30	10:10	10:25	10:10	10:25	6:45	7:10	7/9
FRI.	7:45	8:05	8:25	8:50	8:20	8:35	9:10	9:25	11:15	11:20	11:05	11:20	7:35	8:00	7/10
SAT.	8:35	9:00	9:20	9:45	9:15	9:30	10:05	10:20	—	12:10	—	12:05	8:30	8:50	7/11
SUN.	9:30	9:50	10:15	10:40	10:10	10:25	11:00	11:15	12:20	1:10	12:15	12:55	9:20	9:45	7/12
MON.	10:25	10:45	11:10	11:35	11:10	11:25	11:50	—	1:20	2:05	1:10	1:45	10:15	10:35	7/13
TUES.	11:20	11:40	—	12:05	—	12:05	12:10	12:50	2:15	3:00	2:05	2:40	11:05	11:30	7/14
WED.	—	12:15	12:25	1:00	12:20	1:00	1:05	1:45	3:20	4:00	3:00	3:35	—	12:05	7/15
THURS.	12:30	1:10	1:15	1:55	1:15	1:55	2:05	2:45	4:25	5:05	4:00	4:30	12:25	12:55	7/16

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	−0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
Long Branch	−0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	−0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	−0 12
Seaside Park	−0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	−0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	−0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	−0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	−0 02
Rehobeth Beach	−0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	−0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	−0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0 38
Democrat Point	−0 38
Coast Guard Station	−0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	−0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00
Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
J.F.K. Airport	+0 26

On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	−0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	−0 20
Truman Beach	−0 42
Falkner Island	−0 13
Sachem Head	−0 10
Branford Harbor	−0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	−0 08
Milford Harbor	−0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	−0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	−0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	−0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	−0 14
Montauk Inlet	−0 25
Montauk Point, north side	−1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	−0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	−0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	−0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	−0 10
Execution Light	0 06
Manhasset Bay	−0 01
Hempstead Harbor	−0 11
City Island	−0 03
Rye Beach	−0 28
Port Chester	−0 09
Mamaroneck	−0 08
New Rochelle	−0 24
Davids Island	−0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	−0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	−0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	−1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	−0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	−0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	−0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	−0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 7/9	5:33	8:37
FRI. 7/10	5:33	8:37
SAT. 7/11	5:34	8:36
SUN. 7/12	5:34	8:36
MON. 7/13	5:35	8:35
TUE. 7/14	5:35	8:35
WED. 7/15	5:37	8:34

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 7/9	7:40PM	3:15AM
FRI. 7/10	8:40PM	4:20AM
SAT. 7/11	9:30PM	5:35AM
SUN. 7/12	10:10PM	17:00AM
MON. 7/13	10:40PM	8:20AM
TUE. 7/14	11:05PM	9:40AM
WED. 7/15	11:25PM	10:55AM

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	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
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Sat.	5:45	**11:55**	6:10	—
Sun.	6:50	**12:35**	7:25	**1:10**
Mon.	7:50	**1:40**	8:25	**2:10**
Tues.	8:55	**2:45**	9:25	**3:10**
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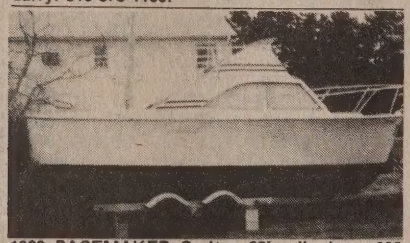

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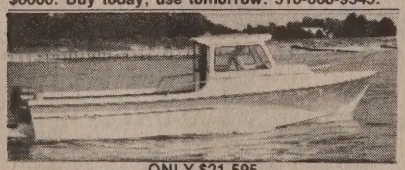

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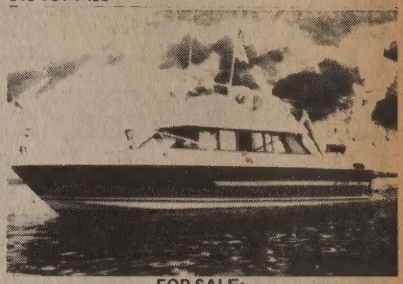

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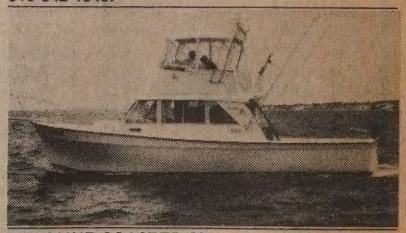

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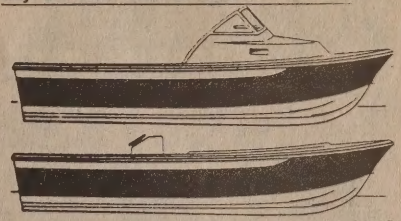

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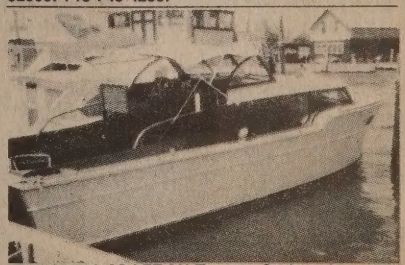

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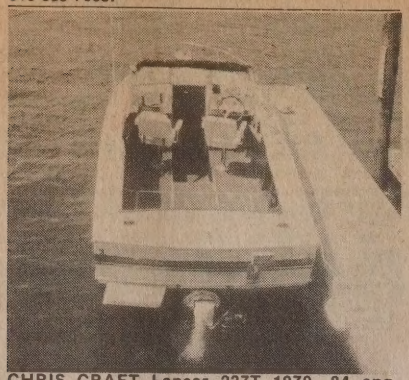

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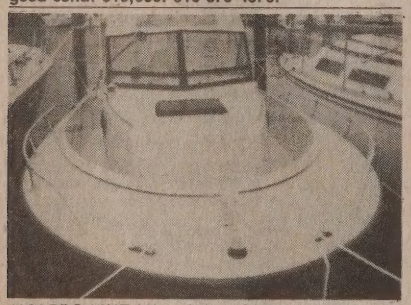

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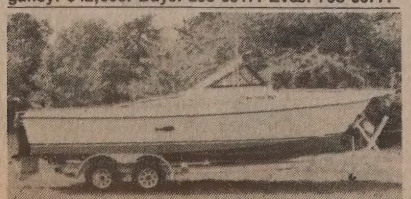

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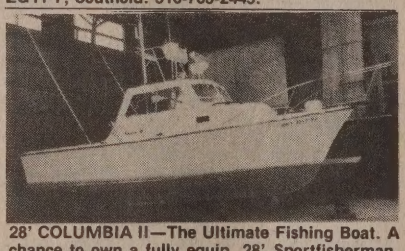

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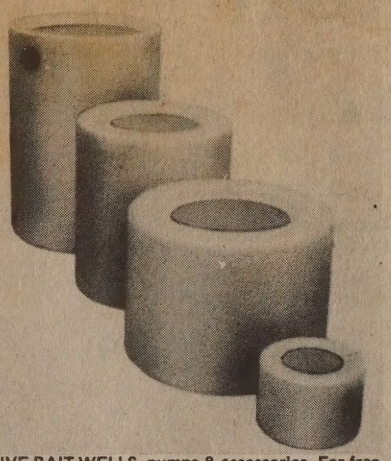

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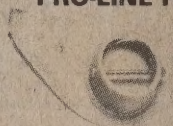

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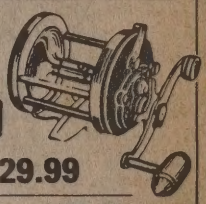

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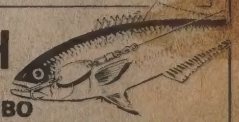

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